

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
7 JUNE 2007**

Present: Independent members: -  
Mr V Kempner (in the Chair)  
Mrs S Fellows  
Councillors Bird, Fawthrop, Smith and Soan.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Daniel.

**1. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2007 be approved and signed by the chair as a correct record.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors made no declarations of interest at this meeting

**3 REVISED MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report advising members of the revisions to the Code of Conduct and recommending an additional provision.

The Government had revised the Code of Conduct and made regulations setting out the model code for authorities. Every local authority had to adopt the revised Code of Conduct (with or without local additions) by resolution of Council on or before 1 October 2007. The Model Code, appended to the report was the minimum that the Council had to adopt. The report outlined the primary revisions to the code, the transitional provisions and training provision for members.

The Borough Solicitor also recommended adoption of an additional provision to the model revised code. This would extend the duty to declare personal and prejudicial interests at informal meetings with other members and/or officers relating to the discharge of the authority's functions. Members of the Committee expressed concern about confusion about the types of meetings or discussions that might be covered by this provision. They commented that further clarification would be required before it could be considered.

**RESOLVED (unanimously)** that the Council be recommended to adopt the revised Code of Conduct without amendment.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.32 p.m.)