

Meeting:	Standards Committee (Special)
Date:	23 April 2007
Subject:	Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members
Key Decision: (Executive-side only)	No
Responsible Officer:	Hugh Peart, Director of Legal & Governance Services
Portfolio Holder:	Leader, Councillor Chris Mote
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix 1 - Model Code of Conduct Appendix 2 – Amended Model Code of Conduct <b>(to follow)</b> Appendix 3 – General Principles

## SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report sets out the new Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Committee consider whether to recommend to Council the adoption of  
(i) The Model Code as set out at Appendix 1 or  
(ii) The amended Code as set out at Appendix 2

## SECTION 2 - REPORT

This committee has received various reports with regard to the proposals for a revised Code of Conduct.

Following the recent consultation, the new Code of Conduct has now been issued, which comes into force on 3 May 2007. The Council has 6 months in which to adopt the new code, i.e. by no later than 1 October 2007.

However, the recommendation from the Standards Board is that Councils should adopt the Code at the first opportunity. The Standards Board expects to publish general guidance on the revised Code by 3 May and a copy will be circulated to all members in due course.

The Standards Board also recommends that authorities should consider including in the adopted code the 10 General Principles. The principles are not enforceable and are intended to act as a reminder to Members and the public of the underlying principles of the Code.

The principles will be included in whichever Code that is recommended for adopted.

Appendix 1 is the Model Code, which was issued on 5 April and without amendments.

Appendix 2 is the Code with amendments, which includes the clarifications as currently included in the Code adopted by Harrow.

The mandatory training for all members, and co-opted members has been arranged for 30 May 2007 and 25 June 2007. Sufficient funds have been identified from the 06/07 Member Development budget to deliver the requisite training.

### SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

Chief Finance Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name: Barry Evans Date: 13 April 2007
Monitoring Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name: Hugh Peart Date: 13 April 2007

### SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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**Background Papers:** List **only non-exempt**  
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**IF APPROPRIATE, does the report include the following considerations?**

1.	Consultation	YES/ NO
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES / NO
3.	Manifesto Pledge Reference Number	N/A