
REPORT OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2007

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| Chairman: | * The Right Revd Peter Broadbent | |
| Councillors: | * Mrs Janet Cowan | * Jean Lammiman |
| | * B E Gate | * Joyce Nickolay |
| | * Mrs Kinnear | * Phillip O'Dell |
| Independent Persons: | * Ms Sheila Darr | * Mr Mohammad Rizvi |
| | * Dr J Kirkland | |

* Denotes Member present

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION I - Protocol for Dealing with Complaints

Your Committee received the draft of a proposed Protocol for dealing with complaints of breaches of the Code of Conduct for Councillors and/or Local Protocols. Members noted that adoption of the Protocol would demonstrate that arrangements were in place to ensure that the Committee would carry out their responsibilities in a regularised manner. It was noted that the Protocol would be in effect from now until April 2008, when changes were expected following the Local Government Bill.

Members suggested two amendments to the draft, the first making clear Members' right to make representations during an investigation, and secondly that 'consider' should be inserted into the flow chart.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That the revised Protocol for Dealing with Complaints, incorporating the comments above, be adopted.

(See also Minute 51).