

**AGENDA** for the **STANDARDS COMMITTEE** meeting to be held in Committee Room 'A', County Hall, Hertford on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2002 at 10.30 a.m.

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**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (6) - QUORUM 3**

Two County Councillor Members : J T Metcalf, S J Mills

Four Independent Members : P Aylett, C Boseley, R Fletcher, one vacancy.

**AGENDA**

**1. CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Chairman of the Committee (from amongst the Independent Members) to replace Yasmin Batliwala, who has resigned.

**2. MINUTES**

To confirm the minutes of the Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2002 (previously circulated).

**3. UPDATE ON THE NEW CODE OF CONDUCT**

The attached paper from the County Secretary updates the Committee on the Code and proposes regular monitoring reports.

**4. TRAINING FOR COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

One of the responsibilities of the Committee is to train members on matters relating to the Code of Conduct.

A training session has been organised for the afternoon of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, and the Committee are invited to consider how this training will be delivered on the day.

A draft programme is attached.

**5. PROTOCOL FOR RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

The Protocol for relationships between members and officers is part of the new Constitution. (It was originally devised by the former Standards Panel and then agreed by the Council).

In light of the newly adopted Code of Conduct the protocol needs revising.

A revised draft is attached for the Committee to agree for recommendation to the next appropriate meeting of the Council. (Changes from the original are shown in italics.)

**6. CONSULTATION PAPER - LOCAL INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINATION OF MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS**

The Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions has issued a consultation paper to all local authorities, for comments by 1<sup>st</sup> July (attached).

The County Secretary has prepared a paper summarising the key points (also attached) and the Committee are invited to make their comments.

This has also been circulated to the Group Leaders. Their comments, if any, will be reported orally.

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