

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2007

Present: Dr S Bradley (Independent Member)(Deputy Chairman in the Chair)

Councillors N Clarkson; Mrs M Docherty; G Garrity; D W Moore; Mrs M B Woodburn

Mr R Stewart (Parish Member)

Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman, Mr N Woodcock

Officers: M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; T Capper, Democratic Services Manager

STA 18 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

STA 19 New Model Code of Conduct

The Committee considered a report of the Monitoring Officer setting out in detail the contents of the new Model Code of Conduct for local authority members following a consultation by the Department of Communities and Local Government on the proposed revisions, during which the Committee had made comments on the draft proposals.

The Committee discussed the final proposals on general obligations, personal and prejudicial interests and the requirements for their declaration in meetings. It was noted that DCLG had recommended authorities to include the 10 general principles of conduct as a non-enforceable preamble to the Code. The Panel also discussed proposals for training for Borough and Parish members on the new model code.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the Council be recommended to adopt the new Model Code of Conduct as set out in the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007, with a preamble incorporating the 10 general principles governing the conduct of members;
- (b) Parish Councils in Copeland be recommended to adopt the Code and preamble; and

- (c) All members of Copeland Borough Council be requested to attend training sessions on the new Code.

The meeting closed at 11.05 am

Chairman