

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**18 April 2005**

Attendance:

Councillors:

Baxter (Chairman) (P)

Cook (P)  
Hoare  
Nelmes (P)

Nunn (P)  
Quar  
Rees (P)

Independent Members and Parish Representatives in attendance:

Professor R Johns (Independent Member)  
Mr J Spokes (Independent Member)  
Mr D Makewell (Parish Representative)

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1111. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Quar and Dr B Spender (Independent Member)

1112. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 7 February 2005 be approved and adopted.

1113. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions asked or statements made.

1114. **DRAFT PROTOCOL REGARDING MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSIDERATION OF GRANT AID APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

(Report ST40 refers)

**RECOMMENDED:**

**THAT THE DRAFT PROTOCOL REGARDING MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSIDERATION OF GRANT AID APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, AS APPENDED TO THE ABOVE REPORT, BE APPROVED AND INCLUDED IN PART 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION.**

1115. **PLANNING PROTOCOL - REVIEW FOLLOWING FURTHER STANDARDS BOARD GUIDANCE**  
(Report ST41 refers)

RESOLVED:

1. That, subject to inclusion of the proposed amendments now made and shown in italic bold type in Annexe A to these minutes, the proposed amendments to the Planning Protocol (as set out in Appendix 2 of the above report) be agreed and forwarded to the Planning Development Control Committee for further consideration.

2. That a further report be submitted to Standards Committee thereafter, for final approval and recommendation to Council for adoption.

3. That the Director of Development be requested to give consideration to preparing an explanatory note to be given to all applicants and potential applicants, emphasising that whilst during negotiations officers may sometimes indicate that a particular approach to a development might be acceptable to the Local Planning Authority, the final decision would be taken by either a panel of officers or the Planning Development Control Committee, which could take a different view.

1115A. **CODE OF CONDUCT AND RELATED ISSUES – REVIEW OF 2004/05**  
(Report ST42 refers)

RESOLVED:

1. That the Standards related activities undertaken during 2004/05 be noted.

2. That, in addition to meeting other training needs which may arise, two Code of Conduct training evenings continue to be held each year, one for City Councillors and one for Parish Councillors/Clerks.

3. That the Independent Members and Parish Representatives be requested to undertake further evaluation of Committee meetings during 2005/06, to provide ongoing monitoring regarding the level of compliance with the Code of Conduct and good meetings practice generally.

4. That the Work Programme for the Committee in 2005/06 be approved.

1116. **VOTE OF THANKS**

As this was the last meeting of the Committee in the current Municipal Year, the Chairman thanked in particular Dr Spender and Mr Makewell for their services during the past four years, as they had not sought re-appointment for a further two year term.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 7.15 pm.

Chairman