

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

4 July 2006

ITEMS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE - UPDATE

REPORT OF CITY SECRETARY AND SOLICITOR

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RECENT REFERENCES:

ST48 – Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy – 6 February 2006

ST51 – Monitoring of Committee Proceedings by Independent Members – 5 April 2006

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting held on 6 February 2006, the Committee proposed a number of amendments to the draft Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy. Those amendments were incorporated by the Director of Finance into a revised document, which was subsequently considered by Principal Scrutiny Committee (5 June 2006) and Cabinet (21 June 2006). Both meetings agreed the revised version, subject to Cabinet recommending a few minor (mainly grammatical) changes. Subject to those changes, the document has been referred to Council on 19 July 2006 with a recommendation for approval.

At its meeting held on 5 April 2006, the Committee considered a report relating to the Monitoring of Committee Proceedings and again made a number of recommendations, mainly relating to the Planning Development Control Committee. In summary, the points raised related to declarations of interest, clear identification of who was speaking at meetings, wearing of name badges, signage and highlighting a few issues about meetings management. Those recommendations have now been considered by both Planning Members and the Director of Development and all have been accepted and introduced.

RECOMMENDATION:

That, subject to any comments which Members may have, the report be noted.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

1 CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

The Council to have efficient structures and procedures, with effective organisational arrangements.

2 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None

3. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Files held in City Secretary and Solicitor's Department

4. APPENDICES:

None