

**REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 12 APRIL 2007****1 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS**

- 1.1 This item of business was referred by the Standards Committee on 12 April 2007 to Full Council with a recommendation that the revised Code of Conduct for Members be adopted without amendment (except for the inclusion of the ten General Principals) to come into force on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2007. A copy of the officer's report is attached at appendix 1.
- 1.2 A copy of the revised Code of Conduct tabled and put before Parliament on 4 April 2007 had been circulated to all Members on 5 April 2007 under separate cover to the report. This is attached at appendix 2.
- 1.3 The Committee noted that:-
- Councils must adopt the new Code within six months from 2 April 2007, thus by 1 October 2007. The Standards Board for England strongly recommend authorities to do so at the first opportunity and without amendment except for the inclusion of the ten General Principles of conduct.
  - Main changes include to simplify and clarify the Code in general, amendments to the rules on interests, provision that the Code will only apply to Members' conduct in their private lives where such conduct results in a criminal conviction and to allow Members with a prejudicial interest to speak but not vote at meetings.
- 1.4 It is proposed that the Council **RESOLVES**

That the revised Code of Conduct for Members be adopted in place of the existing Code without amendment (except for inclusion of the ten General Principles) to come into force on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2007. (CD(IS))

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**Background Papers:-**

None

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