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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DECISION SUMMARY

18 July 2013

Item 8 – Review of New Arrangements for Member Conduct

(1) That the proposal for the Council's Code of Conduct to be amended so as to replace the current description of the seven Principles of Public Life with the revised descriptions as published by the Committee on Standards in Public Life, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be endorsed and referred to Council with a recommendation of approval.

(2) That the Committee's views on matters relating to Member Conduct be noted, namely;

(i) That the arrangements for granting dispensation continue to be the responsibility of the Monitoring Officer.

(ii) That consideration be given as to whether it would be possible to grant automatic dispensations to Members appointed to Outside Bodies, and if this is not possible, for a dispensation request form to be automatically generated to them upon their appointment

(iii) That consideration be given to the possibility of providing training on the Code of Conduct through an on-line training facility.

(iv) That the current process for the assessment and determination of complaints be retained, but that consideration be given to providing estimated timescales for the assessment and determination of each complaint to both the complainant and the subject Member.

(v) That the resource implications of uploading Member dispensations forms be investigated further.