



CHESHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 12 JULY 2007 IN THE POLICE AUTHORITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CONSTABULARY HEADQUARTERS, WINSFORD

Present: J Wilding (*Chairman*)
B Maher
T Savage

Authority Officers:
M Sellwood, Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer
M Eaton, Member Services Manager

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2006 be confirmed as a correct record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

The Chief Executive updated the Committee on a number of related matters which included the response from the Standards Board on the content of workshops at the annual conference; the Standards Board's Annual Review 2006/07 which had been circulated; the Authority's review of governance structures; the training programme for Members and the independent review of the Members allowance scheme.

The Chairman referred to the production of a DVD to assist in training of Standards Committee Members by the Standards Boards and the fifth edition of the Case Review. The Chief Executive agreed to make arrangements to obtain copies of the DVD and the document for reference purposes.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

3. REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

The Chief Executive reported that under the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007, all local authorities, including police authorities, were required to adopt a new Model Code of Conduct by 1 October 2007. It was proposed that the Authority be requested to adopt the new Code at its meeting on 25 September 2007.

The Committee considered the draft code of conduct and the areas of discretion where the model code was not relevant to the Authority.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the revised Code of Conduct, as set out in Appendix 1 to the Chief Executive's report, be recommended for adoption by the Authority on 25 September 2007; and
- (3) the ten general principles of public life, as set out in Appendix 2 to the Chief Executive's report, be recommended for inclusion in the Code of Conduct.

4. URGENT BUSINESS: STANDARDS BOARD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

In accordance with Standing Order 5.3, the Chairman was of the opinion that this matter be considered as it was necessary to brief Members before the next meeting of the Committee.

The Chief Executive reported that the Standards Board Annual Conference was to be held in September 2007 in Birmingham and invited the Committee to consider attendance at the event. The Chief Executive agreed to circulate the Conference programme.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee considered that it was not necessary for a further meeting until next year, unless a specific need arose.

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting be held on a date to be agreed in June 2008.

Duration of Meeting: The meeting commenced at 9.30am and concluded at 10.00am