

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2008, at 6.00 pm  
in Committee Room 4 at the Council House, Dudley

### **PRESENT:-**

The Bishop of Dudley (Independent Chairman)  
Councillors Attwood, J R Davies, Mrs Martin and Ms Partridge; Mr J  
Beards and Miss L Smith

### **Officers**

The Director of Law and Property and Mr Sanders (Directorate of Law  
and Property).

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7                    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of  
Councillors Ms Boleyn and Tyler.

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8                    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No member made a declaration of interest, in accordance with Members'  
Code of Conduct, in respect of any matter to be considered at this  
meeting.

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9                    **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup>  
June, 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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10                   **REVISED CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted, under cover  
of which was submitted for approval a revised Code of Corporate  
Governance.

The current Code had been drawn up based around the CIPFA/SOLACE model and the report explained that the amendments proposed had been recommended in compliance with a revised framework issued by CIPFA/SOLACE in July, 2007. The new Guidance reflected the continuing reforms applied to local government in order to improve local accountability and engagement, with particular reference to partnership working.

RESOLVED

That, subject to typographical corrections and the insertion of the word “being” between the words “action” and “taken” in the headings to the Core Principles, the revised Code of Corporate Governance, as attached to the report now submitted, be approved and recommended for approval by the Cabinet and Council.

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WORK PROGRAMME 2008/09

A report of the Monitoring Officer was submitted containing proposals for the Work Programme for the Committee for 2008/09.

RESOLVED

That the Work Programme for 2008/09, as set out in paragraph 2 of the report now submitted, be approved.

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The meeting ended at 6.30pm

CHAIRMAN