

To: Councillors Taylor (Chair), Dryden, Hymans, McPherson, Colin Rosenstiel, Stebbings.
External members: Dr A Clark, Mr A Dasgupta (Alternates Mrs K English, Mr M Williams and (reserve) Mr K Barrett)



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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 7 March 2007
Time: 6.00pm
Place: Committee Room 1, The Guildhall

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AGENDA

1 MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7 June 2006.

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2 APOLOGIES

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare at this stage any interests which they may have in any of the following items on the agenda. If any member is unsure whether or not they should declare an interest on a particular matter, they are requested to seek advice from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services before the meeting.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – see below for detail of the scheme and other public information.

5 PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS OF CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

(Alison Kemp, Best Value and Performance Manager – 01223 457043)

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6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH BILL – IMPLICATIONS FOR STANDARDS COMMITTEES

(Simon Pugh, Head of Legal & Democratic Services - 01223 457401)

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7 REVISED MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT: CONSULTATION

(Simon Pugh, Head of Legal & Democratic Services - 01223 457401)

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8 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

(Margaret Walker, Director of Central Services – 01223 457325)

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The Council is required to have this Code. Cambridge adopted its first Code in 2002 and it is now time for its annual review. The reviewed Code is attached. As happened at previous reviews, the Council's Civic Affairs Committee will be considering the

document en route to Council, but it is also appropriate to ask this Committee if it wishes to make any comment. The origin and purpose of the Code are explained in its introduction. The national guidance is in italics at the start of each section. The column "Cambridge City Council commits itself to" is also taken from the guidance as to what Codes should contain. Therefore, members of this Committee should focus their attention on the column "How the Council will do this".

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To agree to meet on either 13 or 20 June at 6pm. Dates have already been set for meetings thereafter on Wednesdays 31 October, 9 January 2008 and 5 March.

Information for the public

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