

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **POLICY & REVIEW COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2007 at 6.57 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr A K Oliver (Chairman of the Council)
Cllr J A Perry, JP (Vice-Chairman of the Council)
Cllr A J Hampton (Chairman Resources Committee)
Cllr L G Harvey (Chairman Recreation & Leisure Committee)
Cllr M J Hodkinson (Chairman Planning & Environment Committee)

MEMBERS ALSO PRESENT

Cllr R W Booth
Cllr R D Cook
Cllr Mrs D J March

33 **THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007 – THE REVISED CODE**

The Town Clerk submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix A to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report set out the main changes included in the new Model Code and suggested how the Town Council should proceed with regard to its adoption.

RECOMMENDED

- (a) that this Council adopts forthwith and without amendment the revised Model Code of Conduct including the non mandatory provisions contained in paragraph 12(2);
- (b) that a new Standing Order no 78 be added to the Council's Standing Orders as follows:

SO78 Right of Public to Speak at Meetings

Members of the public shall have a right to speak at meetings of the Council and its Committees, to ask questions, give evidence and to make representations. Such rights shall be executed at the discretion of and under the direction of the Chairman of the meeting;

- (c) that the 10 principles recommended by the Standards Board be adopted as a protocol to support and enhance members' conduct.

34 MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

The Town Clerk submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix B to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Committee considered whether to recommend that the Town Council adopt the provisions relating to the payment of Members' allowances.

A survey of Members had been undertaken and nine Members were against payment and three Members were for.

RECOMMENDED that the District Council be informed that this Council does not wish its Members to be paid allowances during the current four year term of office.

35 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

36 HEAD GROUNDSMAN (Min 27 – 05.06.07)

The Town Clerk gave the Committee a progress report on the position in respect of the Head Groundsman.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

Signed Date
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council

