

ITEM NO. 5

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

1ST OCTOBER 2003

THE CODE IN PRACTICE

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

Members are invited to take part in the training session to help Councillors review the contents of the Code of Conduct and identify how it applies to particular aspects of their work.

(1) The Standards Board for England has issued a video containing five scenarios, each illustrating the application of the Code in different situations. The issues covered are:

- declaration of interests and the duty to inform;
- appropriate allegations;
- personal and prejudicial interests;
- dual-hatted members;
- the investigation.

(2) There is a workbook that accompanies the video, which is attached as appendix 1.

(3) A copy of this Council's Code of Conduct is also attached at appendix 2.

(4) The workbook explains how to use the video that this Committee can use as the basis for a group discussion.

Sources of Information

Standards Board for England workbook entitled "The Code In Practice"

Sevenoaks District Council's Code of Conduct.

The video entitled "The Code in Practice" will be available for viewing.

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