

21 February, 2007

The Report of the Standards Committee

The Standards Committee met at County Hall, Northallerton on Friday, 12 January 2007. Present:- James S Daghish (Independent Member) in the Chair. County Councillors William F Barton OBE, Bernard Bateman MBE and Brian Marshall; together with Ms Gillian Fleming (Independent Member).

1. Protocol on Officer/Member Relationships: The Monitoring Officer presented a report setting out a suggested amendment to the protocol on Member/Officer relations.

The report outlined that the specific protocol was not covered in the Code of Conduct for Officers and was in place to protect the Council and employees for any likely fraudulent activity and inappropriate practice, or the appearance of it, in the day to day operational work. The protocol appears in the County Council Constitution and it was considered that it was an appropriate time to carry out a review.

It was emphasised that relationships between Members and Officers at the County Council were very good and the appropriate level of relationship was culturally embedded into the every day working of the Council.

The Standards Committee RECOMMENDS:-

That the suggested amendments to the protocol on Member/Officer Relations, attached as an Appendix to this report, be approved.

JAMES DAGLISH
Chairman

County Hall,
NORTHALLERTON.

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