
Standards Committee

Report of the meeting held on 8th December 2005

Matters for Information

8. CODE OF CONDUCT – STANDARDS BOARD NOTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the procedure adopted by the Standards Board for England, the Committee has been informed that the Board has decided not to take any further action in relation to allegations made against a District and Huntingdon Town Councillor and Members of Great and Little Gidding Parish Council.

9. AN APPROACH TO TRAINING: DISCUSSION PAPER

Further to Item No. 5 of their Report to the meeting of the Council held on 28th September 2005, the Committee has considered the training activities currently provided by the Monitoring Officer for district and parish councillors on ethical standards and the Code of Conduct.

Taking into account suggestions made by Members at previous meetings, the Committee has endorsed a proposed framework for training to inform, extend, improve and refresh awareness of the Code of Conduct having been assured that the time and resources currently committed to the training of town and parish councillors (in particular) compared favourably to that offered by other authorities in Cambridgeshire.

The Committee also has agreed to review, at future meetings, case examples drawn from the Standards Board for England to assist in practical interpretation and knowledge of code of conduct matters arising from investigation of those cases. Where considered appropriate, issues of interest arising from the cases reviewed will be sent to town and parish councils.

10. FIFTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES

The Committee has been alerted to arrangements for the Fifth Annual Assembly of Standards Committees to be held at the International Conference Centre, Birmingham on 16th and 17th October 2006.

D H Bristow
Chairman