

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**Meeting held at the Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City
on 3 October 2005 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: *Mr N. Moss (Independent Chairman)
Parish Councillor R. Wornham and Councillors S.K. Jarvis and M.R.M. Muir.*

IN ATTENDANCE: *Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) and Senior
Committee and Member Services Officer.*

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D.P. Kearns.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2005 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

3. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

No other items were presented for consideration.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this meeting.

6. REVISED PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR MEMBERS

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report requesting the views of the Committee on draft revised Planning Guidance for Members. A copy of the proposed draft Guidance was attached to the report as Appendix 1. A copy of the notes of the Member Workshop held on 20 June 2005 to discuss the Planning Code of Good Practice was made available.

The Committee discussed the draft Guidance at length, and made numerous amendments which were noted by the officers in attendance.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the draft revised Planning Guidance, as amended, be approved for consultation purposes, and the Chairman of the Standards Committee, in conjunction with the Monitoring Officer, be authorised to agree minor amendments to the document.
- (2) That should any substantive issues be raised on the draft Guidance as part of the consultation process, a further meeting of the Standards Committee be arranged to consider such issues.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

That the revised Planning Guidance be adopted as part of the Council's Constitution.

REASON FOR DECISION: To provide Members with clear guidance on how to deal with planning matters.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

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Chairman