

REPORT OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Meeting held 30 May 2008)

1. APPOINTMENT OF ONE TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AND ONE INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE (MINUTE NO. 7)

The Committee has considered the appointment of one further Town/Parish Council representative and one further Independent Member to serve on the Committee. The increase in membership of the Committee was agreed by the Council in April 2007 but recruitment of the additional members had been delayed until the details of the new duties surrounding the local filtration of complaints were known.

The Committee are pleased to recommend Mrs R Gregory (formerly on the Standards Committee as a Parish Council representative) and Mr Mark Steele (Ringwood Town Councillor, Bransgore Parish Councillor, and New Forest Association of Local Councils' nominee), for appointment as Independent Member and Parish/Town Council representative respectively.

The expansion of the Committee from eight to ten members will assist with the operation of the new Sub-Committees which have been set up to deal with the local filtering of complaints about alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct by Parish and Town Councillors.

The Committee have every confidence that the two recommended members will prove to be very valuable to its work in the coming months and years.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) ***That Mrs R Gregory be appointed as an Independent Member on the Standards Committee; and***
- (b) ***That Mr Mark Steele be appointed as a Parish/Town Council representative on the Standards Committee***

**A T J Lander
CHAIRMAN**