



**LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY
ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
4 SEPTEMBER 2009
2.00 PM – 3.00PM**

PRESENT:

Members: Mr D Bambridge (Chairman), Mrs A Crowe JP, Mr R Davies, Mr D Lomas, Mr R Palmer, Mr R Sellars, Mr J Walker

Officers: Mr J Davidson (Legal Advisor), Mr J King (Committee and Administration Officer)

Apologies: Miss S Skelton (Vice Chairman), Dr B Wookey

01/09. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND/OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None.

02/09. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2009/2010

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
1. That Mr D Bambridge be appointed as Chairman of the Ethical Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2009/2010.	-

03/09. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2009/2010

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
1. That Miss S Skelton be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Ethical Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2009/2010.	-

[Mr J Walker joined the meeting at 2.07pm]

04/08. MINUTES – 5TH JUNE 2009

Resolved:	Responsible Officer:
1. That the minutes of the meeting held on the 5 th June 2009 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	-

05/09. ACTION SUMMARY

Resolved: 1. That the Action Summary be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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06/09. POLICE AUTHORITY RISK MANAGEMENT REGISTER

Members questioned whether the risks associated with a member of the Authority being charged with breaching the Code of Conduct, in terms of the potential negative reputational consequences, warranted inclusion on the risk register.

Resolved: That 1. the report be noted; 2. the inclusion of a risk relating to potential breaches of the Member Code of Conduct be considered for inclusion within the risk register; 3. the names of colours used within the Executive Summary and Critical and Non Critical Risk Registers be provided to assist persons with vision impairment.	Responsible Officer: - DCE/RPO RPO
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07/09. COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Members considered a revised work plan, which included outstanding actions from the Committee's former work plan and the Local Standards Framework action plan. It was explained that the each of the actions in the plan could now be linked to one or more of the Authority's strategic objectives.

The Committee was also invited to consider nominating portfolio holders to lead on specific key themes and agenda items relating to the work of the Committee.

Resolved: That 1. the report and attached documents be noted; 2. progress with the work plan be noted; 3. portfolio holders be appointed as and when necessary.	Responsible Officer: - - -
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08/09. STANDARDS INDICATORS – APRIL TO JUNE 2009

Members commented on the forthcoming introduction of a basic allowance to replace the current attendance allowance scheme (from 1st October 2009) and the potential impact that this might have on indicators relating to Member attendance at meetings of the full Authority its Committees and working groups.

Resolved: 1. That the Standards Indicators for the period April to June 2009 be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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09/09 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE LOG

Resolved: 1. That the Disclosure Log at Appendix 1 to the report be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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10/09. COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE - REVIEW

Members were invited to note and accept the terms of reference for the Committee which had been approved by the full Authority in July 2009, and to, if necessary, propose any amendments for consideration by the Authority at its next meeting in September.

Resolved: 1. That the terms of reference for the Ethical Standards Committee be adopted subject to the following proposed amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- that items (2) and (4) be swapped round;- the following additional terms of reference be included: <i>“To deal with other such functions as the Authority considers appropriate”</i>	Responsible Officer: DCE
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11/09. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE – MUNICIPAL YEAR 2008/2009

Resolved: 1. That the draft Annual Report be approved.	Responsible Officer: -
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12/09. JOINT STANDARDS COMMITTEES GUIDANCE

The Committee and Administration Officer presented guidance published by Standards for England on the setting up of joint standards committees. Members were reminded that collaborative arrangements were already in place between police authorities in the East Midlands through the “pooling” of Independent Lay Members and resources such as Monitoring and Deputy Monitoring Officers. Members were invited to consider whether there were any other areas of work where joint working would be beneficial.

Members considered that the current workload of the Committee, including responsibilities under the local standards framework, was manageable and that further joint working was unnecessary.

Resolved: 1. That guidance published by Standards for England on Joint Standards Committees be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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13/09. STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND – ETHICAL FRAMEWORK SURVEY

Resolved: 1. That the key findings and recommendations from the Ethical Framework Survey be noted.	Responsible Officer: -
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CHAIRMAN