

APPENDIX C

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
BENCHMARKING EXERCISE
2005/06 and 2006/07

East Dorset District Council

<u>Date</u>	<u>Items Considered</u>
9 June 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Amendments to Protocol for Members and Employees dealing with Planning Matters.2. Code of Conduct Consultation3. Request for Dispensation.
5 December 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Feedback from Standards Board for England Conference.2. Guidance to Standards Committees on Conduct of an Investigation into Breach of Code of Conduct.3. Request for Dispensation.4. Ombudsman Investigations.5. Corporate Complaints.
6 March 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Update on Code of Conduct.2. Request for Dispensation.3. Going Local – Investigation and Hearings DVD.
11 September 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Protocol for Members - Personal Guarantees and Sureties.2. Protocol relating to duties of the Monitoring Officer.3. Report of the Local Government Ombudsman.4. Local Investigations – Code of Conduct.
11 December 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Code of Conduct.2. Ethical Governance Audit.3. Corporate Complaints.
12 February 2007	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Consultation Paper – Amendments to Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members.2. Public Speaking at Planning Committee – Amendments to Protocol for Site Visits concerning Planning Applications.3. Ethical Governance Health Check Report.

North Dorset District Council

<u>Date</u>	<u>Items Considered</u>
17 November 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Standards Committee work at the London Borough of Islington.2. Corporate Complaints Management System.3. Fourth Annual Assembly of Standards Committees.4. Quarterly Members Attendance and Learning and Development Report.
23 February 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Investigations and Local Hearings DVD.2. Standards of Conduct in English Local Government – The Future.3. Adjudication Panel Decision and Proposed Training for Members.4. Corporate Complaints Management System.5. Quarterly Members Attendance and Learning and Development Report.
6 April 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chairmanship and Composition of the Committee.2. Fifth Annual Assembly of Standards Committees.3. Draft Annual Report.
18 May 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Training for Town and Parish Councils.2. Corporate Complaints Monitoring System.3. Annual Members' Attendance and Learning and Development Report.
3 August 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Standards Hearing Procedure.2. Annual Ombudsman Report.3. Corporate Complaints Management System.4. Minor Changes to the Complaints Policy.5. Report back from Independent Members' Meeting in July.6. Nomination of a Standards Committee Member to attend the Standards Committee Annual Conference.7. Members' Attendance and Learning and Development Report.
9 November 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Presentation on the work of Vereena Jones from the Ombudsman's Office

	<p>on the work of the Local Government Ombudsman.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Corporate Complaints Management System. 3. Report back from the Standards Committee Conference. 4. Members' Attendance and Learning and Development Report.
15 February 2007	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allegation that the Code of Conduct has been breached by a Councillor.
28 February 2007	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Code of Conduct. 2. Corporate Complaints Management System. 3. Members' Attendance and Learning and Development Report.

Kennet District Council

<u>Date</u>	<u>Items Considered</u>
15 March 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on Complaints to the Standards Board. 2. Proposed Changes to Ethical Framework. 3. Marlborough Town Council. 4. Investigations and Hearings DVD.
21 June 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Determinations referred to the Monitoring Officer. 2. Revision of the Procedure for Determination of Complaints referred by an Ethical Standards Officer. 3. Independent Members' Forum.
20 September 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Devolution of Powers. 2. Procedure for the Determination of Complaints referred by an Ethical Standards Officer.
6 December 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Related Party Transactions. 2. Strong and Prosperous Communities – The Local Government White Paper.
21 March 2007	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Revised Code of Conduct Roadshow 2007. 2. Draft Members' Code of Conduct.

West Wiltshire District Council

<u>Date</u>	<u>Items Considered</u>
1 June 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dispensation – Westbury By-pass.2. Local Determinations.3. Complaints Monitoring.4. Standards Board Complaints Update.5. Review of Constitution.6. Review of Members' Attendance.7. Work Programme.
1 September 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Standards Board Complaints Update.2. Review of the Constitution.
24 October 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Guidelines for Enquiries.2. Mock Hearing.3. Review of Member Attendance.4. Work Programme.5. Review of the Constitution.
25 January 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adoption of the New Constitution.2. Role of the Standards Committee.3. Standards Board for England Complaints Update.4. Proposed Changes to Arrangements for dealing with Complaints.5. Going Local – Investigations and Hearings.6. Local Determinations.7. Work Programme.
15 March 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Planning applications submitted by Councillors – Advice Note.2. Constitution.3. Work Programme.
26 April 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Standards Board Bulletin.2. The Methodology for Granting Dispensations.3. Work Programme.
7 June 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complaints Procedure.2. Standards Board for England – Code of Conduct.3. Granting Dispensations.4. Procedural Review of Local Determinations Hearing.5. Work Programme.
19 July 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Local Determination Hearings.2. Standards Board for England – Update.3. Review of the Council's Constitution.

	4. Work Programme.
19 October 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual Report on the Work of the Committee. 2. Review of the Constitution. 3. Work Programme.
12 December 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual Report. 2. Review of the Constitution. 3. Work Programme.
1 March 2007	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application for Dispensation. 2. Consultation on Model Code of Conduct.

Salisbury District Council

<u>Date</u>	<u>Items Considered</u>
20 June 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Independent Remuneration Panel.2. Member/Officer Indemnities.3. Appointment of Representative to serve on the Audit Committee.
15 August 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Passport to Improved Services.
19 September 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Outcome of Complaint to Standards Board.
21 November 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Statement of Complaint to Standards Board.2. Complaints Monitoring.3. Independent Members' Forum.
16 January 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Annual Report 2005 and Proposed Work Programme.2. Corporate Governance Annual Review.
20 February 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Standards Board Bulletin.2. Independent Members.3. Complaints to the Standards Board.
20 March 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Options for the Review of the Constitution.2. Conduct of Contrators.3. Town and Parish Standard.4. Ethical Governance – CPA.5. Recruitment of the Independent Member.
24 April 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Annual Audit Letter.2. Standards Board Bulletin.3. Advertisement for Independent Member.
19 June 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complaints Monitoring.2. Meeting of Independent Members' Forum.3. Standards Board Bulletin.4. Interests, Gifts and Hospitality and Complaints.5. Request for Dispensation.
18 September 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Audit Commission – Ethical Standards Survey.2. Access to Information.3. Association of Independent Standards Committee Members.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Standards Board Bulletin. 5. Annual Review of the Standards Board (Devolution). 6. Good Governance for Councillors – An A-Z Guide. 7. Case Studies.
20 November 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complaints Monitoring Report 2006/07 2. Good Governance in Local Government: A Framework. 3. Case Study Review. 4. Conference Newsletter. 5. A Question of Standards – paper by Owen Paterson MP. 6. Hearings – Questions and Answers. 7. Holding an Efficient Hearing. 8. A National Snapshot (Standards Board Study) 9. Raising your Profile (Standards Board Study) 10. Adjudication Panels (Standards Board study).
18 December 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standards Bulletin. 2. Adjudication Panel Annual Report.
19 February 2007	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to Council Services – Customer Index. 2. Case Study Alert 2. 3. Case Study Alert 3 – Guidance from the Standards Board relating to the Implications of Collins J in the Livingstone Case. 4. Consultation on Amendments to the Code of Conduct. 5. The Local Government Public Involvement in Health Bill. 6. Proposed Work Programme for 2007.

North Wiltshire District Council

<u>Date</u>	<u>Items Considered</u>
31 October 2005	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reform of Public Sector Ombudsman Services in England – Cabinet Office Consultation Paper.2. Standards Committee Hearings.3. Meeting of the Independent Members' Forum.4. Fourth Annual Assembly of Standards Committees.5. Standards Board for England Consultation on the Review of the Code of Conduct.6. Standards Board Bulletin.
23 January 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Standards of Conduct in English Local Government – The Future.2. Ethical Standards Officer V Hitchins and Others – Case Tribunal of Adjudication Panel for England.3. Work Programme.4. Standards Board Bulletins.
18 April 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Work Programme2. Standards Board for England Conference.3. Standards Board Bulletin.
24 July 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Comments and Complaints Policy and Procedure.2. Standards Committee Hearings.3. The Code of Conduct – Training for Members.4. Monitoring Officers and Independent Members' Forum5. Standards Board for England – Consultation Exercise.6. Standards Board Bulletin.
7 December 2006	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Standards Committee Hearing2. Independent Members' Forum.
22 January 2007	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ken Livingstone v the Adjudication Panel for England – Implications of Unitary Status.2. Codes and Protocols within the Council's Constitution.3. Standards Bulletin.4. Review of Code of Conduct.5. Review of Terms of Reference.6. Decision of Standards Committee Hearing.

	7. Standards Committee Membership.
20 February 2007	Consultation on Amendments to the Model Code of Local Authority Conduct.