

TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 15 JANUARY 2008

REPORT OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

Orders and regulations Relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England – Consultation Paper

The Department for Communities and Local Government have issued a consultation paper which sets out the proposed detailed arrangements to be included in the orders and regulations which will provide a revised locally based ethical regime. It includes:

- The operation of standards committee's powers to make initial assessments of misconduct allegations;
- The operation of other functions by standards committees and the Adjudication Panel in issuing sanctions;
- The operation of the Standards Board's new power to provide guidance, support and monitor the regime
- The rules on providing dispensations, the issue of exemptions of posts from political restrictions and the authority of political assistants

Attached as an Appendix is the full consultation paper for consideration by the Committee. Comments have been invited by the DCLG and must be submitted by 15 February 2008.

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