

DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AUTHORITY

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the **Standards Committee** was held on 30 October 2007.

Further information on the items referred to below is contained in the agenda, reports and minutes for the meeting held on 30 October 2007.

Matters discussed (with minutes references shown in brackets) included:

[SC/48 & SC/49] Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mrs Anne Mayes was elected as Chairman and Mr Martin Harvey as Vice-Chairman.

[S/53] Training on the Code of Conduct

The Committee watched The Standards Board DVD about the Code of Conduct. The training for Members held on 8 October 2007 and the feedback from participants was considered. The feedback was mainly positive with people saying that the training had been informative and useful. Consideration was given to providing training opportunities for members who had been unable to attend on 8 October.

It was **RESOLVED** that every Member who did not attend the training session on 8 October should be contacted and offered the opportunity for an alternative training session.

[SC/54] Introduction of New Responsibilities from April 2008

It is anticipated that new responsibilities for Standards Committees regarding "local filtering" that is deciding whether or not complaints should be investigated - will be introduced by legislation effective from 1 April 2008. The requirements will be set out in legislation (by Regulations in a Statutory Instrument) and complemented by guidance from the Standards Board for England. It is expected that the legislation and guidance will be the subject of consultation in late 2007. The Assistant Chief Executive has contacted other Police Authorities in the South West Region and the Devon Fire and Rescue Service with a preliminary enquiry as to their views on the possibility of joint working.

Mrs Anne Mayes
Chairman, Standards Committee