

**DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AUTHORITY
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the **Standards Committee** was held on 22 April 2008 .

Further information on the items referred to below is contained in the agenda, reports and minutes for the Standards Committee.

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

(SC/66) Report On South West Independent Members Group Meeting - 28 March 2008

The Chairman and Mr Harvey had both attended the recent meeting and found it very useful and interesting.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The suggested (by the SWIG meeting's guest speakers) frequency of scheduled meetings that would be required to enable assessments to be made quickly
- A new Chief Executive has been appointed at the Standards Board

Sc/67 Update On Standards Board Assembly 2008

The Chairman is on the Assembly Steering Group and provided an update on their work.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The 2008 Assembly will be at the Convention Centre, Birmingham.
- Fire, Police and National Park Authorities – will have sessions aimed specifically at them

(SC/68) Joint Working

The Assistant Chief Executive explained that, as requested by the committee, letters had been sent to the county, unitary and national park authorities to ascertain their interest in joint working on ethical standards issues. 3 responses had been received.

It was **RESOLVED** that this item be deferred to next meeting of the Committee to allow further responses to be obtained.

(SC/69) STANDARDS COMMITTEE BEST PRACTICE /COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

The updated compliance checklist, based upon an audit commission diagnostic tool was presented.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- Putting information about how to complain and the procedure on the authority's website
- Distribution of the standards board bulletin
- The need to check that all Members had signed up to the new Code adopted on 5 October 2007
- The procedure for members to sign up to the Code of Conduct on appointment and re-appointment
- Activities undertaken by the Committee which could be added into the checklist

(SC/70) Case Studies

The Committee read and discussed the case studies from the pilot projects on local assessment.

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Chair of the Standards Committee**

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