

**WEST YORKSHIRE PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**

**AT A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
HELD AT WELLINGTON HOUSE ON  
FRIDAY 1 JUNE 2007**

**PRESENT:** Mrs C Stephenson (Chair)  
Councillors R Downes, J Jarosz and S King

**9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Phelps.

**10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no personal or prejudicial interests declared by Members at the meeting.

**11. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2007 be approved.

**12. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES**

The Committee considered a report of the Clerk to the Authority on the level of allowances and expenses paid to Members of the Authority during 2006/07.

**RESOLVED** - That the Schedule of Payments be noted and published on the Authority's website.

**13. CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Committee considered a report of the Clerk to the Authority on the New Code of Conduct for Members of the Authority based on the Model Code of Conduct recently issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government.

It was reported that the Model Code was mandatory and must be implemented and adopted within 6 months from 3 May 2007.

The Committee were informed that the Code of Conduct had been amended following an extensive period of consultation and that the main changes were intended to:

- Simplify and clarify the drafting
- To modify the rules related to prejudicial interests of Members
- To clarify the application of the Code of Conduct

A letter sent by the Chair of the Standards Board was circulated at the meeting which reiterated the importance of high standards and proposals for more localised arrangements in the Bill currently being considered by Parliament.

**RESOLVED** - That the Code of Conduct be endorsed and referred to the full meeting of the Authority for approval.

#### **14. BULLETIN 33 – STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND**

The Committee considered a report of the Clerk to the Authority informing Members of the latest Standard Board Bulletin published in May 2007.

Members were informed that the Bulletin predominantly featured the adoption and key amendments to the new Code of Conduct.

**RESOLVED** - That the report be noted.