

Report of the Standards Committee

THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE reports and recommends as follows:-

1. Amendment of Members' Code of Conduct / Recording of Gifts and Hospitality

That they have given consideration to a report by the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services and the Head of Law and Governance (copy attached) outlining proposed changes to the Members' Code of Conduct in relation to the recording of gifts and hospitality and to clarify the reference in the Code to "co-opted members".

The Standards Committee accordingly recommends Council to:-

- i) amend the Member's Code of Conduct as set out in the Appendix to the report in order to include a requirement, to take effect from the date of amendment, for members and co-opted members to register in the Council's Register of Members' Interests, any offer of gift or hospitality with an estimated value of £50 and over and to clarify that the reference in the Code to Co-opted members is to members who are not elected members but are members of a committee or sub committee with a right to vote and;
- ii) the Head of Law and Governance be authorised to publicise the amendment to the Code of Conduct on the Council's website.

