COUNCIL	Agenda Item 31
21 October 2010	Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	**Review of the Code of Conduct for Member/Officer Declarations**	
Date of Meeting:	**21 October 2010** 14 September 2010	
Report of:	**The Monitoring Officer**	
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Wards Affected:	All	

EXTRACT FROM PROCEEDINGS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 14 SEPTEMBER 2010

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

5.00pm 14 SEPTEMBER
COMMITTEE ROOM 1, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: Deane, Harmer-Strange and C Theobald

Independent Members: Dr M Wilkinson (Chairman), Mrs H Scott

Rottingdean Parish Council Representatives: Mr J Bustard and Mr G W Rhodes

Apologies: Councillors Carden, Lepper and Watkins and Ms M Carter (Independent Member)

PART ONE

16. REVIEW OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBER/OFFICER RELATIONS

16.1 The Committee considered a report setting out the conclusions of the Working Group set up to review the Council's Code of Conduct for Member/Officer Relations, which recommended the adoption of a revised code.

16.2 The Senior Lawyer, Ms Woodley, Senior Lawyer explained that the proposed revisions recommended by the Working Group were set out in Appendix 1. The Working Group had been set up in response to the recommendation of the Audit Commission to "Review the framework for Member/Officer relations and related arrangements to ensure that they are understood and followed in practice."

16.3 The Chairman referred to Paragraph 6 of Appendix 1. He stressed that it was very important that officers kept Members informed both about the major issues concerning the Council and, more specifically, about issues and events affecting the wards which they represented. Mr Bustard, Rottingdean Parish Council stated that the Parish Council would welcome a similar approach as the level and quality of information received by it could be inconsistent. The Acting Director of Strategy and Governance stated that periodic reviews would take place to ensure that the information provided to Members was consistent.

16.4 **RESOLVED** – That the Standards Committee recommends to the Council that the revised Code of Conduct for Member/Officer Relations as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be adopted.