

**Warwickshire Police Authority – 17 December 2008**

**Report of the Standards Committee**

**Summary**

This report provides an update for Members on the work of the Standards Committee following their meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

**Recommendations**

That the Authority approve the Whistleblowing Policy

**1. Whistleblowing Policy**

Under the Authority's governance arrangements, there is a need to provide a vehicle under which individual employees have an opportunity to raise issues of concern where they reasonably believe, in good faith, that an act or acts of malpractice have occurred in the Authority. The Authority's Whistleblowing Policy is attached at **Appendix 1**. The policy has considered and endorsed by the Standards Committee. The Authority is asked to approve the policy for inclusion in its governance arrangements.

**2. Draft Codes of Conduct for Local Authority Members and Employees – A Consultation**

As Members of the Authority will recall, the Department for Communities and Local Government published the consultation document on Codes of Conduct for Authority Members and Staff. This is part of a series of consultations they are undertaking on their White Paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities', although it is something that they have been promising to do since shortly after the new model Code of Conduct came into effect last year.

As requested by the Authority at their last meeting, the Committee has considered the consultation document and has agreed a response to the APA on the Authority's behalf. The response is required to be with the APA by the 15<sup>th</sup> December and should any Member wish to see a copy, please contact Neil Gulliver.

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Chair of Committee**