

**Standards Committee - 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2011**

**Report of the Monitoring Officer**

**Appointment of Sub-Committees for 2011/12**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the appointment of three Sub-Committees for the 2011/12 municipal year to continue the arrangements for the local initial assessment and hearing of complaints under the Members' Code of Conduct.

**Background**

2. The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 set out the arrangements for processing complaints of alleged breaches of the Member's Code of Conduct. At its meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2008, the Standards Committee approved its local arrangements for dealing with complaints, which included the establishment of 3 Sub-Committees, namely the Referrals Sub-Committee, the Review Sub-Committee and the Hearings Sub-Committee.
3. It is recommended that the same Sub-Committees are reappointed for the 2011/12 municipal year with Memberships to be determined at the meeting and with the Terms of Reference as previously assigned to them. The Memberships in 2010/11 were as follows:-

**Referrals Sub-Committee**

Mrs. V Ainsworth (Independent Chairman)  
Councillors J. R. Davies and Kettle

**Review Sub-Committee**

Father Alan Williams (Independent Chairman)  
Councillors Burston and Ms. Partridge

**Hearings Sub-Committee**

The Bishop of Dudley (Independent Chairman)  
Councillors Mrs. P. Martin and Hanif

**Finance**

4. The cost of convening meetings and investigating complaints under the new arrangements will be borne by existing budgets.

## **Law**

5. The relevant legislation regarding the Code of Conduct is contained in Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008.

## **Equality Impact**

6. All complaints will be investigated with due regard to the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

## **Recommendation**

7. It is recommended that the Referrals Sub-Committee, Review Sub-Committee and Hearings Sub-Committee be reappointed for 2011/12 with Memberships to be determined at this meeting and with the Terms of Reference as previously assigned to them.



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## **List of Background Papers**

Report to Standards Committee dated 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.