

Standards Committee - 22nd June, 2010

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Appointment of Sub-Committees for 2010/11

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the appointment of three Sub-Committees for the 2010/11 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 10th 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 2010/11 municipal year with Memberships to be determined at the meeting and with the Terms of Reference as previously assigned to them. The Memberships in 2009/10 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 Ms. Boleyn and Ms. Partridge

Hearings Sub-Committee

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

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 2010/11 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 10th June, 2008.