

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

18 JUNE 2008

RE-APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

Purpose of Report

1. To seek approval for the re-appointment of three previously established sub-committees of the Committee.

Background

2. On consideration of a report, the Committee at its meeting on 23 January 2008, established three sub-committees to deal with its responsibilities under S.54 of the Local Government Act 2000 as amended by S.188 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

3. In relation to the establishment of the sub-committees, the Committee had resolved as follows:

“To establish three sub-committees of the Standards Committee, to:

- consider whether an allegation should be investigated;
- consider any request for a review of a decision that an allegation should not be investigated;
- conduct hearings into alleged breaches of the Code.

That each sub-committee be chaired by an independent member of the Standards Committee.

That the composition of each sub-committee be determined by the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on the basis of member availability, save that no member should serve on more than one sub-committee for any one allegation or set of allegations”.

4. The Committee is therefore asked to re-appoint the three sub-committees for the municipal year 2008/09 on the same basis as previously agreed.

Proposal

5. (a) To re-appoint three sub-committees of the Standards Committee as follows:
 - (i) An Assessment Sub-Committee – to assess complaints

- (ii) A Review Sub-Committee to review assessments if requested to do so by the complainant and
 - (iii) A Hearing Sub-Committee to conduct hearings into alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct.
- (b) That each sub-committee be chaired by an independent member of the Standards Committee.
- (c) That the composition of each sub-committee be determined by the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on the basis of member availability, save that no member should serve on more than one sub-committee for any one allegation or set of allegations.

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