

Title: Local Assessment Criteria

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Purpose

To consider and approve the attached Local Assessment Criteria.

Background

The Standards Board for England recommends that Standards Committees develop criteria against which they will assess complaints and decide which action to take.

Key Issues

Assessment criteria should reflect local circumstances and should be simple, clear and open. They should ensure consistency and fairness for both the complainant and subject member.

Using established criteria will also help protect the Sub-Committee members from accusations of bias.

It is envisaged that the assessment criteria will be reviewed and developed as experience is gained in local assessment. For the moment, however, the attached criteria are proposed as a basis for starting to operate the new system.

Financial Implications

There are no new financial implications to this report.

Legal Implications

Establishing assessment criteria is recommended by the Standards Board for England and the Council is required to have regard to such guidance.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee approves and adopts the attached assessment criteria.

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