

Decisions of the Standards Committee held on Tuesday 26 January 2010

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DECISIONS:

1. MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT ON COMPLAINTS

Resolved –

That the Monitoring Officer's update be noted.

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2. PROTOCOL ON MEMBER/OFFICER RELATIONS

Resolved -

- (1) That a review of the Protocol of Member/Officer Relations contained in Document M be undertaken.
- (2) That a review group with the composition shown below be established to undertake the review:
 - Two district councillors – Councillors Ferriby and Owens
 - One parish councillor – Councillor Mitchell
 - One independent member – Mrs Essler or Dr Ison
- (3) That the review be inclusive and impartial and that it bear in mind the importance of communication and dissemination.
- (4) That the existing protocol be disseminated to political groups for comment.
- (5) That the existing protocol be disseminated to Assistant Directors for comment.
- (6) That a further report be submitted to the Standards Committee in April 2010 on completion of the review with proposed amendments to the Protocol on Member/Officer Relations

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3. LOCAL ASSESMENT OF COMPLAINTS - "SETTING THE BAR"

Resolved –

That the discussion be noted.

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4. ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR ENGLAND DECISIONS

Resolved –

That the Independent Review Panel be requested to consider suspension of all allowances paid to a member of Council who has been suspended as a result of a breach of the code of conduct.

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5. STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

No resolution was passed on this item

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6. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item relating to an investigation under S59 Local Government Act 2000 by Standards for England into an allegation concerning Councillor B M Smith on the grounds that if they were present, exempt information within Paragraphs 1 (Information relating to an individual) 2 (information identifying an individual) and 3(financial or business affairs) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) would be disclosed.

7. REPORT OF AN INVESTIGATION UNDER S59 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 BY STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND INTO AN ALLEGATION CONCERNING COUNCILLOR BRIAN MARTIN SMITH.

Resolved -

- (1) That the Monitoring Officer provide a future report setting out the system of ensuring that the members' register of interests is completed and updated.**
- (2) That it be noted that the review of the planning protocol is already on the work programme and it be requested that the recommendations of the Ethical Standards Officer be considered as part of that review.**
- (3) That assurance be sought from Group Leaders and the Chief Executive that all members and officers are compliant with formally agreed protocols and that they are aware of the process for raising any concerns.**

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