

Decisions of the Standards Committee held on Wednesday 3 August 2011

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DECISIONS:

1. MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT ON COMPLAINTS

Resolved –

That, in respect of complaints 2010/13 and 2010/14, the Monitoring Officer be instructed to contact the Members concerned to expedite their participation in the ongoing investigations.

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

2. MEMBERS' REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Previous Reference: Minute 4 (2011/12)

Recommended –

- (1) That the following further amendments be made to the draft Register of Members' Financial and Other Interests Document:
 - (i) A "don't know" tick box be provided for all appropriate questions
 - (ii) The words "other than the Council" be deleted from question 5
 - (iii) That in all questions where the phrase "general control or management" is used, the word "general" be removed and a link be provided to the advice that Members consult the Monitoring Officer if they are unsure.
 - (iv) That, in question 1, the phrase "this does not include remunerated directors who are dealt with at question 4" be included.



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- (v) That the guidance note on remuneration be amended to explain that it does not include the payment of expenses.
 - (vi) That, at question 10, the phrase “in your own right” be underlined.
- (2) That, having amended the draft form, the Monitoring officer email it to Members of the Committee for final comment before circulation to all Members for completion.

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3. **REVIEW OF PROTOCOL ON THE USE OF COUNCIL RESOURCES INCLUDING THE USE OF EMAIL AND THE INTERNET**

Resolved –

- (1) That the Monitoring Officer be requested to consult with the officers responsible for provision of IT equipment to Members to draw up a protocol advising on appropriate usage for issue when the equipment is first provided.
- (2) That the Monitoring officer be requested to draft a brief guidance note for Members in respect of the potential pitfalls of all forms of communication, including electronic, and that this be presented to a future meeting of the Committee for comment.

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

4. **FEEDBACK FROM THE MEETING OF THE DETERMINATION SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 JULY 2011**

No resolution was passed in respect of this item.

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5. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

No resolution was passed in respect of this item.

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