

Cheltenham Borough Council

Standards Committee - 11th December 2009

Adoption of a Hearings Procedure

Report of the Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

1. Summary and recommendation

1.1 The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 came into effect on the 8th May 2008. As a consequence the Committee, at its meeting on 11 July 2008, agreed to the creation of three sub-committees to deal with the initial assessment, review and determination of complaints about the conduct of councillors. At the same meeting a procedure was adopted for initial assessment and review but not for the determination of complaints following investigation. The purpose of this report is to request the Committee to adopt such a procedure.

1.2 When determining complaints the Standards (Determination of Complaints) Sub-Committee will be conducted in accordance with the 2008 Regulations, current guidance issued by Standards for England and the adopted procedure. Included as the Appendix to this report is the draft procedure for consideration.

1.3 I therefore recommend that:

The Committee adopts forthwith the procedure for the determinations of complaints as set out in the Appendix.

2. Summary of implications

2.1	Financial	None
2.2	Legal	As set out in the body of the report
2.3	Personnel	None
2.4	Equal opportunities, social justice and anti-poverty	None
2.5	Environmental	None
2.6	Health and safety	

Background papers	Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 Local Assessment of Complaints – Guidance from Standards for England
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