

COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

PROTOCOL ON PUBLICITY FOR COMPLAINTS OF BREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT MADE TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

26th June 2008

Supplementary Report of the Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To recommend changes to the Publicity Protocol within the Constitution in the light of the new provisions for complaints to be made to the Standards Committee rather than to the Standards Board for England.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the Protocol, as appended to the agenda, be approved for inclusion in the Council's Constitution

1.1 Members received within the agenda for this meeting a copy of a report to be considered by the Standards Committee at its meeting on the 19th June 2008, together with a draft Protocol on Publicity for Complaints of Breach of the Code of Conduct made to the Standards Committee.

1.2 At its meeting on the 19th June, the Standards Committee was content with the Protocol as drafted, and recommended this Committee to approve the Protocol for inclusion in the Council's Constitution.

1.3 As Members will be aware, the Terms of Reference of the Standards Committee include advising the Council on, and reviewing as necessary, any local Protocols regulating the conduct of Members.

2.0 Options

2.1 The options open to the Committee are to approve the revised Protocol appended to Standards Committee report, with or without further amendments, or to request the Standards Committee to reconsider the Protocol. The Monitoring Officer would recommend the adoption of the Protocol appended to the report.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None arising from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments to add.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal Services have been consulted and have no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The report has been prepared by the Monitoring Officer in her role as adviser to the Standards Committee.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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