

Review of the Standards Regime

SUMMARY

- 1.1 At its meeting on 18 July 2012, Council agreed the Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members (see Appendix 2).
- 1.2 Council adopted the procedure for processing and considering complaints for breaches of the Code of Conduct (see Appendix 3), at its meeting on 23 May 2012. The procedure was further amended by the Standards Committee at its meeting on 27 March 2014.
- 1.3 At its meeting on 26 November 2013, the Standards Committee approved a method of reporting complaints through the setting up of a dedicated standards section on the Council's committee management information system (CMIS).
- 1.4 The Standards Committee approved the use of a Declaring Interests – Questions to Ask Yourself form (see Appendix 4), at its meeting on 26 November 2013. The form would be issued with the agenda for every meeting and would be inserted directly after the agenda front sheet.
- 1.5 At its meeting on 27 March 2014, the Standards Committee approved the use of guidance notes (see Appendix 5) to provide the subject member with guidance on the consultation role of the Independent Person (IP), as at paragraph 3 of the procedure for considering complaints.
- 1.6 The Standards Committee reviewed the procedure for hearings of the Standards Committee (see Appendix 6), at its meeting on 27 March 2014.
- 1.7 This report gives the Standards Committee the opportunity to review the Standards Regime operated by Derby City Council.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To review the Standards Regime operated by Derby City Council

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To give the Standards Committee the opportunity to consider and comment upon the

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The agreed Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members is attached at Appendix 2.
- 4.2 The procedure for considering complaints is attached at Appendix 3.
- 4.3 Declaring Interests – Questions to Ask Yourself form is attached at Appendix 4.
- 4.4 The guidance notes to provide the subject member with guidance on the consultation role of the Independent Person (IP) is attached at Appendix 5.
- 4.5 The procedure for hearings of the Standards Committee is attached at Appendix 6.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	Janie Berry – Director of Legal and Democratic Services
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Estates/Property officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	N/A
Other(s)	N/A

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members Appendix 3 – Procedure for Considering Complaints Appendix 4 – Declaring Interests – Questions to Ask Yourself form Appendix 5 – Guidance notes to provide the subject member with guidance on the consultation role of the Independent Person (IP) Appendix 6 – Procedure for hearings of the Standards Committee

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None arising directly from this report.

Legal

2.1 None arising directly from this report.

Personnel

3.1 None arising directly from this report.

Equalities Impact

4.1 All Derby people will benefit from an effective Standards Committee..

Health and Safety

5.1 None arising directly from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 None arising directly from this report.

Property and Asset Management

7.1 None arising directly from this report.

Risk Management

8.1 None arising directly from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 This report has the potential to link with all the Council's Corporate Objectives.

