

Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

16 June 2017

Appointment of Standards Sub-Committees

1. Summary Statement

- 1.1 The Localism Act 2011 requires authorities to adopt arrangements for dealing with complaints about breaches of the Member Code of Conduct. The Council's arrangements for dealing with complaints provide for a Sub-Committee of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee to consider investigation reports referred to it by the Monitoring Officer and to conduct hearings (including the imposition of sanctions).
- 1.2 The Council at its annual meeting held on 16 May 2017 agreed the membership of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee for the 2017/2018 municipal year. The Committee now needs to make appointments to the Ethical Standards Sub Committees for this municipal year.

Further details are attached for your information

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That two Ethical Standards Sub-Committees be appointed for the 2017/18 municipal year, with delegated powers to carry out the functions set out in the following terms of reference, and with the membership set out below:

Terms of reference of the Ethical Standards Sub Committee

- To consider investigation reports referred to it by the Monitoring Officer.
- To conduct hearings (including the imposition of sanctions).

Membership

SUB-COMMITTEE 1		SUB-COMMITTEE 2	
Member	Substitute	Member	Substitute
Lewis	S Crumpton	S Crumpton	Lewis
E M Giles	P Hughes	P Hughes	E M Giles
Shackleton	Sandars	Sandars	Shackleton
Underhill	Trow	Trow	Underhill

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3. Strategic Resource Implications

3.1 There are no resource implications arising from this report.

4. Legal and Statutory Implications

4.1 Section 28(6) of the Localism Act 2011 provides that a relevant authority must have in place arrangements under which allegations that a member or co-opted member of the authority has failed to comply with the authority's code of conduct can be investigated, and arrangements under which decisions on allegations can be made. There is no statutory requirement as to the nature of these arrangements.

5. Implications for the Council's Scorecard Priorities

5.1 High standards of conduct are an essential part of good corporate governance and this in turn has a direct relationship with the delivery of high quality services.