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Standards Committee

Item **12**

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Report of Monitoring Officer

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Title Appointments to Standards Committee Sub-Committees

Wards affected Not applicable

This report appointments members of the Standard Committee to the various sub-committees that assess and determine complaints against elected members

1. Decision(s) Required

1.1 To appoint the members of the Standards Committee to the Allegations Sub-Committee, Allegations Appeals Sub-Committee and Hearings Sub-Committee as set out in paragraph 3.1. below.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Standards Committee, in accordance with the local assessment regime which came into force in May 2008 established three sub-committees to deal with the assessment and determination of complaints against elected members:- the Allegations Sub-Committee, the Allegations Appeals Sub-Committee and the Hearings Sub-Committee.
- 22. The membership of the sub-committees is drawn from the overall membership of the Standards Committee. The following criteria apply to the membership each of sub-committees:-
 - Allegations Sub-Committee: to comprise one Independent member, one elected member of the Council and one Parish representative;
 - Allegations Appeals Sub-Committee: to comprise one Independent member, one elected member of the Council and one Parish representative;
 - Hearings Sub-Committee: to comprise five members who have not been involved in the initial assessment or review of the complaint.
 - Each of the sub-committees must be chaired by an Independent member.

3. Proposals

3.1 Taking the criteria at paragraph 2.2 into account, it is proposed that for the 2009-10 municipal year the membership of the Standards Committee sub-committees be as follows:-

Allegations Sub-Committee

Derek Coe (Chairman) Ray Gamble Vivienne Eden

Allegations Appeals Sub-Committee

Sven Farmer (Chairman) Malcolm Bartier Sonia Lewis

Hearings Sub-Committee

Peter Fitton (Chairman) Steven Mee-Roberts Ian Andrews Nigel Chapman Gillian Brown

3.2 Where members are unavailable or have a personal and prejudicial interest in a complaint, then other members of the Standards Committee may substitute for them, so long as the overall membership criteria detailed at paragraph 2.2 are met and so long as no member sits on both the Allegations Sub-Committee and the Allegations Appeals Sub-Committee on the same matter.

4. Strategic Plan References

4.1 The local assessment of complaints regime forms part of the Council's commitment to customer excellence which underpins the Council's Strategic Plan vision.

5. Financial Considerations

5.1 None.

6. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Implications

6.1 None.

7. Publicity Considerations

7.1 Details of the membership of the Sub-Committees will be placed on the Council's website.

8. Consultation Implications

- 8.1 None.
- 9. Community Safety Implications
- 9.1 None.
- 10. Health and Safety Implications
- 10.1 None.
- 11. Risk Management Implications
- 11.1 None.