

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 21 DECEMBER 2004

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

Action

- 20.** Member Complaints and Service Complaints, Corporate Complaints Update - report of the Director of Strategy and Governance and Monitoring Officer.

Contact Officer: Brian Foley Tel: 29-3109

Officer:

Ward: All

Affected:

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted.

- 21.** Local Investigation and Determination of Allegations of Member Misconduct - report of the Director of Strategy and Governance and Monitoring Officer.

Contact Officer: Dianne Bates Tel: 29-1513

Officer:

Ward: All

Affected:

RESOLVED – (1) That the Committee approves and adopts the Procedure for Local Investigations set out in Appendix One to the report;

(2) That the Committee approves and adopts the amended Procedure for Local Determination Hearings, set out in Appendix One to the report; and

(3) That the same Procedures be applied for Local Investigation and Local Determination Hearings for the enforcement by the Hearing Panel of complaints of breaches of these local protocols as set out in the procedures.

22. Opportunity for Committee Members to raise any queries on Standards Board Guidance to Members “Lobby groups, dual hatted members and the code of conduct” - report of the Director of Strategy and Governance and Monitoring Officer.

Contact Officer: Dianne Bates Tel: 29-1513
Ward Affected: All

RESOLVED - That the contents of the guidance document be received and noted.

23. Appointment of the Members of the Sub-Committee to be a Hearing Panel - report of the Director of Strategy and Governance and Monitoring Officer.

Contact Officer: Dianne Bates Tel: 29-1513
Ward Affected: All

RESOLVED – (1) That the Committee appoints the following Members as the Sub-Committee to be the Hearing Panel for determining complaints against Members of the City Council:

Councillor J Lepper - Council Member
Councillor D Simson - Council Member
Dr M B Wilkinson - Independent Member
Miss M Carter - Independent Member
Mrs H Scott - Independent Member

(2) That three of these Members be the three Independent Members serving on the Standards Committee and the other two be Councillors, as set out in (1) above;

(3) To appoint five named Members as the Sub-Committee to be the Hearing Panel for determining complaints against members of Rottingdean Parish Council;

(4) That in respect of determination of Parish Council matters three of these Members be the three Independent persons serving on the Standards Committee and the other two be Councillors, one of whom in such instances would need to be the Parish Council's representative on the Standards Committee (Mr G Rhodes); and

(5) That membership of the Panel be reviewed in twelve months time; or earlier if any Member of the Panel ceased to serve on the Standards Committee.

- 24.** Indemnities for Members and Officers – report of the Director of Strategy and Governance and Monitoring Officer.

Contact Officer: *Dianne Bates* Tel: 29-1513

Officer:

Ward Affected: *All*

Affected:

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be received and noted.

- 25.** Members Use of Mobile Phones - report of the Director of Strategy and Governance and Monitoring Officer.

Contact Officer: *Mark Wall* Tel: 29-1006

Ward Affected: *All*

RESOLVED – (1) That the Committee agrees that a figure of £5.88 (inclusive of VAT) be deducted to cover the costs of personal calls made by those Councillors who are provided with mobile phones for Council business;

(2) That this sum of £5.88 be deducted from the monthly allowances paid to relevant Councillors;

(3) That it be noted that the amount to be deducted will be reviewed by officers on an annual basis and any proposed increases will be reported to the Leaders' Group for consideration; and

(4) That it be noted that Members will be expected to adhere to the Council's mobile phone policy (set out at Appendix 2 to the report) and to abide by the guidance issued in respect of the use of mobile communication equipment.

- 27.** Items to go forward to Council.

RESOLVED – That none of the items considered go forward to Council.

Part Two

- 28.** To consider whether or not any of the above items should be exempt from disclosure.

RESOLVED – That no items remain exempt from disclosure to the press and public.

NB The above decisions will be implemented after close of business on 31 December 2004 unless they are called in.