



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

20 JULY 2011

CONTRIBUTORS

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LOCAL ASSESSMENT OF COMPLAINTS

Summary

This report outlines the activity of the Assessment and Review Sub-Committees.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Standards Committee notes the report on activity from March 2010 to date.

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ALL

1. Background

1.1 The Standards Committee at its meeting in June 2008 created three Sub-Committees – an Assessment Sub-Committee, a Review Sub-Committee and a Hearing Sub-Committee. These were set up to deal with any complaints against Members under the local assessment of complaints system. Due to lack of business, the Standards Committee had not met since 24th March 2010. This report covers the period from 25th March 2010 to 8th July 2011.

2. Cases Considered

2.1 Three complaints were considered by the Standard Assessment Sub Committee. The Committee met on 24th March 2010, 11th August 2010 and 18th May 2011. A request for a review of the decision made by the Assessment Sub Committee on 24th March was undertaken by the Standards Review Sub-Committee on 26th April 2010.

2.2 The decision of the Sub Committees are as follows:-

- **24th March 2010**

The Assessment Sub-Committee decided that no breach of the Code arose.

- **26th April 2010**

The Review Sub-Committee decided that no breach of the Code arose.

- **11 August 2010**

The Assessment Sub-Committee decided unanimously to refer the matter to the Monitoring Officer for other action to be taken. He was to:-

- Circulate guidelines to all Members on the application of the Code to blogs.
- Convey the Committee's wish that Councillor Cowan apologise directly to former Councillor White for his original choice of words.

- **18 May 2011**

The Assessment Sub-Committee decided unanimously to refer the matter to the Monitoring Officer for other action to be taken. He was to write to all Councillors reminding them to take care in their choice of language while in meetings, particularly during public debates, so that others are treated with respect.

3 COMMENTS OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

The comments of the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services are contained within the report.

4. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

There are no financial implications contained within the report.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 BACKGROUND PAPERS

No.	Brief Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext. of holder of file/copy	Department/Location
1.	Assessment Sub Committee Decision Notices	Kayode Adewumi Ext 2499	FCS, Legal, First Floor HTH, Rm 133a
2.	Review Sub Committee Decision Notice	Kayode Adewumi Ext 2499	FCS, Legal, First Floor HTH, Rm 133a