

Committee: STANDARDS

Agenda Item

Date: 14 November 2011

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**Title: PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH
ALLEGATIONS OF A BREACH OF THE
CODE OF CONDUCT**

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Summary

1. At its meeting on the 18 July this committee resolved that I should prepare a procedure for dealing with complaints that members had breached the Code of Conduct and for dealing with hearings. This report is to seek members' views on the draft procedures attached.

Recommendations

2. That members approve the draft procedures with or without variation to take effect once a Voluntary Code of Conduct has been adopted.

Financial Implications

3. None. There are no costs associated with the recommendations.

Background Papers

4. None.

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	None.
Community Safety	None.
Equalities	None.
Health and Safety	None.
Human Rights/Legal Implications	Under the Localism Bill there is no mechanism for an appeal to an independent tribunal against decisions of the Standards Committee. The only recourse that a disaffected complainant or subject member would have is therefore by way of judicial review.

Sustainability	None.
Ward-specific impacts	None.
Workforce/Workplace	None.

Risk Analysis

- 6. There are no significant risks attached to this report.