

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

5.00PM – 14 JUNE 2005

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

Action

4. Confirmation of Members of the Sub-Committee to be the Hearing Panel for determining complaints against Members of the City Council:

(1) Councillor Lepper - Council Member
Councillor D Simson - Council Member
Dr M Wilkinson - Independent Member
Miss M Carter - Independent Member
Mrs H Scott - Independent Member

(2) That the five named Members of the Sub-Committee for determining complaints against Members of Rottingdean Parish Council be the five Members named but with the substitution of Mr G Rhodes (Rottingdean Parish Council) for Councillor Simson.

RESOLVED - That Membership of the above Panels be agreed and noted.

5. Conference to be held at Rother District Council – Training for Members in Determining Complaints – oral report on behalf of the Director of Strategy and Governance and Monitoring Officer.

Contact John Heys Tel: 29-1549
Officer:
Ward All
Affected:

RESOLVED – That Ms M Carter attend the above conference to be held on 12 July 2005 on behalf of the Standards Committee.

6. Member Complaints and Service Complaints, Corporate Complaints Update – report of the Director of Strategy and Governance and Monitoring Officer.

Contact Brian Foley Tel: 29-3109

Officer:

Ward All

Affected:

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

7. Consultation paper and introduction to the review of the Code of Conduct – review carried out by the Sub-Panel of Members on behalf of the Standards Committee.

Contact John Heys Tel: 29-1549

Officer:

Ward All

Affected:

RESOLVED – That approval be given to a response to the consultation document 'A Code for the Future' for the Director of Strategy and Governance to forward to the Standards Board for England. Minor amendments were made to "final" form of the response to take on board discussion which took place at the meeting .

8. Update on Implementation of Whistleblowing Policy – oral report by the Director of Strategy and Governance and Monitoring Officer.

Contact Abraham Ghebre- Tel: 29-1500

Officer: Ghiorghis

Ward All

Affected:

RESOLVED - That the initiatives undertaken to heighten staff awareness be noted.

9. Applications for Dispensation for Members regarding Indemnity – report of the Director of Strategy and Governance and Monitoring Officer.

Contact Officer: John Heys Tel: 29-1549
Ward Affected: All

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to the granting of dispensations to all Members of the Policy and Resources Committee who have duly applied.

(2) That the dispensations so granted shall have effect in relation to any consideration of indemnities for Members by the Council in circumstances which would involve more than 50% of Members entitled or required to participate in that business otherwise being prevented from doing so because they would have to declare prejudicial interests.

(3) That the dispensations last for four years from the date of the Committee's decision.

10. Application for Dispensation : Councillor R Pennington – report of the Director of Strategy and Governance and Monitoring Officer.

Contact Officer: John Heys Tel: 29-1549
Ward Affected: Regency

RESOLVED – That Councillor Pennington be advised that it is beyond the Committee's powers to grant his request for dispensation.

12. Item to go forward to Council.

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

Part Two

13. To consider whether or not 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 22 June 2005 unless they are called in.