

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

8th June 2011

MEMBERSHIP OF ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEES

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Mark Bullivant
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton, Monitoring Officer and head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

The Committee is requested to appoint the membership of the Standards Assessment and Review Sub-Committees for the forthcoming municipal year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee decides on the membership of the Standards Assessment and Review Sub-Committees for the 2011/12 Municipal Year in accordance with the details appended to the report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Fixed memberships of the Standards Sub-Committees were introduced in September 2009.
- 3.2 A review of the fixed membership system was undertaken following six months of operation. Members and officers agreed that the fixed membership system had worked well as this had:
- removed the need for a subjective decision to be taken by officers as to the composition of any sub-committee;
 - spread the sub-committee workload more evenly among the members of the Committee; and
 - ensured clarity in the process for the selection of substitutes.
- 3.3 The sub-committees sit in strict rotation with members appointing substitutes where necessary and in accordance with the agreed substitution rules.
- 3.4 In May 2010 full Council resolved to increase the membership of the Standards Committee from 8 to 9, the additional member to be an elected Member (district councillor) with the Committee to comprise:

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- 4 district councillors (2 councillors from the controlling political group and 2 councillors from other political groups);
- 3 Independent Members; and
- 2 Parish Representatives.

3.5 Since the full Council resolution the additional district councillor position on the Committee has remained vacant. The vacancy has now been filled with the district councillor membership of the Committee for the 2011/12 Municipal Year. The district councillor membership of the Committee comprises 2 Conservative councillors, 1 Labour councillor and 1 Wythall Residents' Association councillor.

3.6 When the Committee last fixed the membership of its sub-committees (in May 2010) it included provision in the make-up of the memberships for the fourth district councillor. The names allocated to the individual positions were based on surname alphabetical order.

3.7 Appended to the report is the proposed table of membership of the sub-committees for the forthcoming municipal year. The allocations remain the same as those agreed by the Committee for the 2010/11 Municipal Year, save that these now include the names of the newly appointed district councillors to the Committee.

4. KEY ISSUES

4.1 The Committee is asked to agree the membership of the sub-committees for the forthcoming municipal year.

4.2 Officers consider that the fixed membership system has continued to work well for the reasons detailed at paragraph 3.3 of the report.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Local Government Act 2000 introduced primary legislation to enable the implementation of a Members' Code of Conduct, and this was amended by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 insofar as it related to the application of the Members' Code of Conduct to their private lives. The local assessment regime was introduced by the LGPIHA 2007,

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and further expanded in the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 which also set out the rules and procedures governing the investigation and determination of complaints.

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Any alterations to the procedure or policy relating to the local assessment of complaints does not need full Council approval.

8. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

N/A

9. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

No significant risks arising from this report have been identified, but any minor risks arising are being managed as follows:

Risk Register: Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services
Key Objective Ref No: 2
Key Objective: Effective ethical governance

10. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

None

11. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

None

12. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS, PROCUREMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

None

13. CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON IMPLICATIONS AND BIODIVERSITY

None

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14. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

None

15. GOVERNANCE/PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

None

16. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 17 OF CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998

None

17. HEALTH INEQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

None

18. LESSONS LEARNT

None

19. COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

None

20. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	No
Chief Executive	No
Executive Director (S151 Officer)	No
Executive Director – Leisure, Cultural, Environmental and Community Services	No
Executive Director – Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services	No
Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	No

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Head of Service	Yes
Head of Resources	No
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	No

21. WARDS AFFECTED

All wards

22. APPENDICES

Appendix Table of proposed membership of sub-committees

23. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Previous reports to the Standards Committee and full Council as detailed in the report.

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APPENDIX

Proposed table of membership of Sub-Committees

Assessment (District Councillor Complaints) Sub-Committee A <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (IM1)• (DC1)• (PR1)	Review (District Councillor Complaints) Sub-Committee A <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (IM2)• (DC2)• (PR2)
Assessment (District Councillor Complaints) Sub-Committee B <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (IM3) (Chairman)• (DC3)• (IM1)	Review (District Councillor Complaints) Sub-Committee B <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (IM2)• (DC4)• (PR1)
Assessment (Parish Councillor Complaints) Sub-Committee A <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (IM3)• (DC2)• (PR1)	Review (Parish Councillor Complaints) Sub-Committee A <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (IM1)• (DC1)• (PR2)
Assessment (Parish Councillor Complaints) Sub-Committee B <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (IM2)• (DC4)• (PR2)	Review (Parish Councillor Complaints) Sub-Committee B <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (IM3)• (DC3)• (PR1)
IM1 – Mrs G Bell IM2 – Mr N Burke IM3 – Ms K Sharpe PR1 – Cllr J Cypher PR2 – Cllr Hodgetts	DC1 – Cllr Mrs S Baxter DC2 – Cllr B Lewis DC3 – Cllr L Mallett DC4 – Cllr Mrs M Sherrey