

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE 14TH DECEMBER 2006

DECISIONS OF THE ADJUDICATION PANEL

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Cllr Mrs. C. J. Spencer
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Legal and Democratic Services

1. SUMMARY

1.1 To consider details of cases decided by the Adjudication Panel.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the report be noted.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Since the last meeting of the Committee the Adjudication Panel has made a number of decisions on complaints referred to it by the Standards Board for England. Those listed below are of particular significance. Copies of the full copies of the decisions can be found on the Adjudication Panel website www.adjudicationpanel.co.uk

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Summary of Alleged Breach</u>	<u>Decision</u>
APE 0325	North Lincolnshire and Epworth Town Councils	Committing offences under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and being subsequently convicted by a court, thus bringing his office or authorities into disrepute	Suspended for 3 months
APE 0236	Kingston upon Hull City Council	1. Compromising the impartiality of a person working for or on behalf of the Council. 2. Bringing his office or authority into disrepute.	Disqualified for 15 months
APE 0237		1. Failing to register his interest as a leaseholder of a community centre owned	

		<p>by the Council and;</p> <p>2. Failing to declare a personal and prejudicial interest at a meeting when a bid for funding for the community centre was considered.</p>	
APE 0361	Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council	<p>1 Failing to treat others with respect,</p> <p>2 Bringing his office or authority into disrepute</p> <p>3 Using his position as a member improperly to confer on or secure for himself or any other person, an advantage or disadvantage</p>	<p>Councillor suspended for 6 months</p> <p>The panel made recommendations to the Council regarding (i) the question of member/officer relations; (ii) training and support for members; (iii) the relationship between the Council and WLCT; and (iv) the future role of the Respondent.</p>
APE 0226	Kingston upon Hull City Council	<p>1 Failing to treat others with respect</p> <p>2 Failing to have regard to advice given by the Council's Monitoring Officer;</p> <p>3 Compromising the impartiality of those who work for the authority;</p> <p>4 Bringing the office or authority into disrepute.</p>	<p>Disqualified for 1 year</p> <p>*Note this case relates to the same Councillor as cases APE 0236 and APE 0237 above</p>

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6. CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

6.1 This report relates directly to the Council's objective to provide effective and efficient conduct of council business..

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

8. **CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no customer implications arising from this report.

9. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

Procurement Issues None
Personnel Implications None
Governance/Performance Management None
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998 None
Policy None
Environmental None
Equalities and Diversity None

10. **OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT**

Portfolio Holder	No
Acting Chief Executive	No
Corporate Director (Services)	No
Assistant Chief Executive	No
Head of Service	Author
Head of Financial Services	No
Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Author
Head of Organisational Development & HR	No
Corporate Procurement Team	No

11. **APPENDICES**

None

Background Papers Adjudication Panel decisions

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