

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

20TH MAY 2009

**COUNCIL DECISIONS - TERMS OF OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILS'
REPRESENTATIVES ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND PLANNING
SERVICES CODE OF PRACTICE**

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor Geoff Denaro
Responsible Head of Service	Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY

To inform the Committee of the decisions made by the Council at its meeting on 29th April 2009 in relation to:

- (i) the terms of office of the Parish Councils' Representatives on the Standards Committee; and
- (ii) the Planning Services Code of Practice.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the contents of the report be noted.

3. BACKGROUND

I. Terms of office of Parish Councils' Representatives on the Standards Committee

3.1 At its meeting on 31st March 2009 the Standards Committee considered a report on proposals to extend the current terms of office of the Parish Councils' Representatives on the Committee, and for a further review of the terms of office to take place in 2011.

3.2 The Committee supported the proposals and recommended these to the Council.

It was RESOLVED:

- (a) that the terms of office of the Parish Councils' Representatives on the Standards Committee for 2009 be extended from one year to two years; and

- (b) that a further review of the terms of office of the Parish Councils' Representatives be undertaken in 2011, following the next round of parish council elections.

II. Planning Services Code of Practice

3.3 At its meeting on 31st March 2009 the Standards Committee considered a report which recommended that the Council's Planning Services Code of Practice be reviewed and which sought suggestions from Members for areas for consideration for inclusion in the review.

3.4 The Committee supported a review of the Code and also recommended additional areas for inclusion within the scope of the review.

It was RESOLVED:

- (a) that a review of the Council's Planning Services Code of Practice be undertaken by the Monitoring Officer in consultation with Group Leaders, the Planning Committee, the Standards Committee and individual Members; and
- (b) that the scope of the review also include the Planning Committee Procedure Rules contained within the Council's Constitution and the Public Speaking at Planning Committee Meetings guidance leaflet to see whether any aspects of these could be combined.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

This report does not directly link with any of the Council's objectives.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

There are no risks associated with this report.

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

None

9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

None

10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

None

11. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

12. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	No
Chief Executive	No
Executive Director - Partnerships and Projects	No
Executive Director - Services	No
Assistant Chief Executive	No
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Financial Services	No
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes
Head of Organisational Development & HR	No
Corporate Procurement Team	No

13. APPENDICES

None

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 31st March 2009.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29th April 2009.

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