

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

8th February 2007

LOCAL INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINT TO THE STANDARDS BOARD

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor Mrs. Spencer
Responsible Head of Service	Claire Felton - Head of Legal and Democratic Services

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To make arrangements for a special meeting of the Committee to consider an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct made to the Standards Board for England.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That members agree a date for a special meeting of this Committee to consider the Deputy Monitoring Officer's report on an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In October 2006 the Standards Board for England wrote to the Monitoring Officer regarding an allegation (ref SBE16030.06) that a councillor had breached the Code of Conduct and referred the allegation for local investigation. The Deputy Monitoring Officer has conducted an investigation and has concluded that a breach has occurred. It will therefore be necessary to arrange a special meeting of this Committee to make a final determination on whether the Code of Conduct was breached. This hearing must be held within 3 months of issuing the final report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Local Authorities (Code of Conduct) (Local Determination) Regulations 2003 apply.

6. **CORPORATE OBJECTIVES**

6.1 Improvement – Reputation and Performance

7. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

7.1 The arrangements set out in this report are necessary to ensure that the Council meets its legal obligations.

8. **CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 None

9. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

Procurement Issues	None
Personnel Implications	None
Governance/Performance Management	Ethical Governance and Statutory requirements
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998	None
Policy	Constitution
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

12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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