

# **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**5 APRIL 2007**

### **MONITORING OFFICER UPDATE**

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

#### **1. SUMMARY**

1.1 To update Members.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 To note the report

#### **3. BACKGROUND**

##### **3.1 Update on Independent Member Vacancy**

As at the date of writing this report there have been 7 people have requested the Information Packs and two 2 have submitted applications. The closing date is 26 March 2007. The Appointments Panel is responsible for interviewing prospective applicants and making a recommendation to Council.

##### **3.2 Code of Conduct Training**

Training on the new Code of Conduct, and in particular on interests and for dual-hatted members has been provisionally arranged for Monday 4 June 2007.

##### **3.3 Standards Board Road Show**

The Standards Board is running a Road Show in Birmingham on Thursday 14 June 2007. Places have been booked for the Chairman of the Standards Committee, the Monitoring Officer and Deputy Monitoring Officer. A report will be prepared for the following Standards Committee meeting.

### 3.4 Review of the Constitution

The Monitoring Officer is conducting a thorough and fundamental review of the Constitution. All proposed changes are intended to be considered by the Council at its meeting on 24 April 2007. In order to keep Members informed throughout the review process, a notice board has been erected in the Members' Room on which the latest developments and proposals will be posted in order to give Members the opportunity to comment. Members are encouraged to keep abreast of developments. A separate report details suggested revisions to the Constitution insofar as they relate to the Standards Committee.

## 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

## 5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

## 6. CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

6.1 Corporate Objective – Improvement, Priority – Reputation.

## 7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 There is no risk associated with this report.

## 8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None.

## 9. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues	None
Personnel Implications	None
Governance/Performance Management	The Code of Conduct is one of the fundamental aspects of good governance
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	N/a
Head of Financial Services	No
Head of Legal & Democratic Services	N/a
Head of Organisational Development & HR	No
Corporate Procurement Team	No

## **11. APPENDICES**

None

## **12. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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