

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

19th May 2010

COMPOSITION OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Geoff Denaro
Relevant Head of Service	Claire Felton

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 The Committee agreed at its last meeting to suggest that the number of elected Members on the Standards Committee was increased from 3 to 4. A report will be presented to Annual Council on 12th May 2010 recommending this increase.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee notes the decision of Council on the composition of the Standards Committee.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Currently the Standards Committee comprises:
- 3 elected members
 - 3 independent members
 - 2 parish representatives.
- 3.2 In order to ensure fairness, and in order to spread the sub-committee workload it was agreed that a report would be presented to full Council recommending that the number of elected members of the Standards Committee be increased to 4, thereby increasing the membership of the Committee as a whole to 9.
- 3.3 A report has been prepared and is attached as Appendix 1 for the Committee's information.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 Officers will report orally on the outcome of the decision of the Council at the meeting.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None

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6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Local Government Act 2000 sets out the requirements for the composition of Standards Committees which has been expanded in the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008.

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None.

8. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

- 8.1 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

- 10.1 If the Committee decides to change its policy the revised policy will be included in the Guidance issued by the Council on complaints against Members, which is available on the Council's website and is sent out to members of the public and organisations on request.

11. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 None

12. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS, PROCUREMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 12.1 N/a

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13. CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON IMPLICATIONS AND BIODIVERSITY

13.1 N/a

14. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

14.1 None

15. GOVERNANCE/PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

15.1 None

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

16.1 None

17. HEALTH INEQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

17.1 None

18. LESSONS LEARNT

18.1 These are set out in the report.

19. COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

19.1 N/a

20. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	No
Executive Director (S151 Officer)	No
Executive Director – Leisure, Cultural, Environmental and Community Services	No

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Executive Director – Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services	No
Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	No
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 1 Report to Council for consideration on 12 May 2010

23. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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