

Subject: CONSULTATION ON NEW
REVISED LOCALLY BASED
ETHICAL REGIME

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Report to: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date: 22ND JANUARY 2008

Report of: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY SERVICES

Portfolio Holder: WELL MANAGED COUNCIL

Key Decision: Yes / No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 That members of the Committee are made aware of the consultation paper a copy of which is attached.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities and associated corporate objective.
- Delivering Quality Services to Customers (Customers, Improvement)
 - Well Managed Council (Improvement, Community Network)

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:
- 3.2 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 This paper sets out the proposed detailed arrangements to be included in the orders and regulations which implement the new revised locally-based ethical regime, including
- 4.2 The operation of standards committee's power to make initial assessments of misconduct allegations;

- 4.3 The operation of other functions by standards committees and the Adjudication Panel in issuing sanctions;
- 4.4 The operation of the Standards Board's new power to provide guidance, support and monitor the regime; and
- 4.5 The rules on providing dispensations, the issue of exemptions of posts from political restrictions and the pay of local authority political assistants.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

5. SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 5.1 No comments.

6. MONITORING OFFICER

- 6.1 Its important that the Committee and the Council are aware of the new proposals and that we implement relevant changes to accommodate proposals.

7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

- 7.1 No comments.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The Committee is asked to provide feedback on the consultation paper.

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 9.1 That the Committee delegates the responses to the consultation paper to the Chair of Standards Committee, Portfolio Holder and Shadow Portfolio Holder in consultation with the Monitoring Officer.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 10.1 None.

11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- Is an Equality Impact Assessment required No
- Is an Equality Impact Assessment attached No

12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required No
- Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment attached No

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No background papers (*delete where applicable*)