

# **Standards Hearing Sub-Committee**

## **Agenda**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, 20th September, 2011</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>East Committee Room - Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ</b>

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The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

### **PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT**

#### **1. Election of Chairman**

To elect a Chairman for the meeting. In accordance with the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008, the Chairman must be an independent Member of the Standards Committee.

#### **2. Chairman's Opening Remarks (Pages 1 - 4)**

The Chairman to explain the procedure to be followed during the hearing which has been extracted from the Standards for England Standards Committee Determinations Guidance 2010 (Appendix 2).

#### **3. Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests in any item of business on the agenda.

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For any apologies or requests for further information

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#### 4. **Report of Monitoring Officer** (Pages 5 - 12)

The report of the Monitoring Officer/Borough Solicitor provides a summary of the business to be transacted in consideration of complaint number CEC/2010/02.

The Hearings Sub-Committee will normally meet in public. However, the Sub-Committee will be invited to determine whether it is appropriate and in the public interest for the hearing to take place in public as the Subject Member has requested that the hearing be held in private.

In the event that the Subject Member's request is granted, the Sub-Committee will be invited to pass a resolution that the press and public be excluded from the meeting as set out at item 5 on the agenda.

If the Sub-Committee declines the Subject Member's request, the papers listed under agenda item 6 will be made available to the public at the meeting.

#### 5. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The reports relating to the remaining items on the agenda have been withheld from public circulation and deposit pursuant to Section 100(B)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) on the grounds that the matters may be determined with the press and public excluded.

The Sub-Committee may decide that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 7C of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

### **PART 2 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT**

#### 6. **Complaint No. CEC/2010/02** (Pages 13 - 274)

The Sub-Committee is invited to determine whether or not there has been a breach of the Code of Conduct, and if so, the appropriate sanction which should be applied.

##### Supporting Papers

Sub Committee Terms of Reference

Draft Statement of Facts

Disputed Statement of Facts

Investigating Officer's report

Schedule of Evidence Volume 1

Schedule of Evidence Volume 2

Standards Committee Sanctions

(Extracted from Standards for England Standards Committee Determinations Guidance 2010)