

**REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE RE:
STANDARDS COMMITTEE
held in Crewe on Tuesday 28th April 2009**

**PRESENT: Nigel Briers (Chair), David Sayer, John Goddard,
Michael Garratt and Patsy Barnett**

The Sub-Committee met by prior arrangement to progress from an editorial standpoint the form and content of the proposed leaflet to be widely distributed for the purpose of promoting a clearer understanding of the constitution and function of the Cheshire East Standards Committee.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

Before considering in detail the draft paragraphs now submitted in accordance with the allocated responsibilities as detailed in the report of the sub-committee held on the 10th March 2009 there was discussion with regard to the now firmly arranged meeting with the Leader of the Council involving members of the sub-committee on the 14th May 2009 and on the 6th May 2009 involving the Chairman and Vice Chairman with Chris Chapman Monitoring Officer. In respect of the meeting with the Leader of the Council on the 14th May the Chairman reminded members that this would be at Westfields and any member wishing to attend would be very welcome.

With particular regard to the earlier engagement on the 6th May 2009 the Chairman highlighted a number of specific issues he considered appropriate to be raised with the Monitoring Officer including the constitutional position regarding formal adoption of the Code of Conduct by Cheshire East Council, whistleblowing, training programmes and the form and content of complaint forms. Members present were encouraged to raise supplemental questions which could be considered on the 6th May 2009.

DRAFT PARAGRAPHS

The sub-committee now turned to consider the draft entries for the leaflet submitted by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. The Vice Chairman's contribution entitled 'Makeup of the Standards Committee' prompted constructive discussion and was finally approved with certain amendments. The Chairman submitted a comprehensive summary under the heading 'Making a Complaint' [*Copies of the proposed drafts are enclosed as appendices 'A' and 'B' respectively to this report*] The draft foreword and introductory paragraph was not available but is hoped that this will be forthcoming within the next few days and will be circulated to members of the Sub-Committee.

The Chairman stressed the need for the final draft to be in place before the full Standards Committee meets on the 18th May 2009

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