

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	21 st September 2009
Report of:	Monitoring Officer
Subject/Title:	Creation of Standards Committee Web-page

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The report outlines initial enquiries made in respect of the creation of a web-page for members of the public who wish to make a complaint against a Cheshire East Councillor or a Town or Parish Councillor.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The construction of the Council's website is such that any member of the public wishing to obtain information about the Standards Committee can only access this through the "Council and Local Democracy" section of the website.
- 2.2 The information provided is limited and is confined to the terms of reference for the Committee, and the agendas, minutes and reports.
- 2.3 It has previously been suggested that there should be a dedicated web-page for the Standards Committee which would enable members of the public to access all relevant information more easily. This web-page would include the publicity leaflet which was approved by the Committee at its meeting in July, the complaints form, and other useful information about the Committee and its Sub-Committees. There would also be a link to the Standards for England website.
- 2.4 Discussions are taking place with Nicky Hughes, the On-Line Services Manager, about the layout and connectivity of a dedicated web-page with a view to this being implemented by the end of October, subject to any technical implications not yet identified.

3.0 Recommendation

The report is for information only. However, Members may have a view on the proposal and any comments can be taken into consideration.

Members of the Committee will be informed of progress on the web-page in due course.

4.0 Access to Information

There are no background papers relating to this report.

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