



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

17 April 2014

Subject Heading:

MINUTES OF A STANDARDS HEARING

Report Author and contact details:

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Policy context:

The effective and efficient provision of public services

Financial summary:

None specific to this report or the appendices

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Clean, safe and green borough	<input type="checkbox"/>
Excellence in education and learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value and enhance the life of every individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

Since the removal of the Standards Committee, issues involving Members have been accommodated by provision within the overview of the Adjudication & Review Committee.

Panels are convened on an ad-hoc basis to consider allegations of misdemeanour against Members and provision is made for the outcome of those hearings to be placed before the whole Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That this report be noted.

REPORT DETAIL

From time to time the Adjudication & Review Committee is asked to consider allegations of misdemeanour or behaviour which could bring the Council into disrespect brought by either members of the public or other councillors.

On 27 March 2014, a sub-committee of the Adjudication & Review Committee was convened to hear and consider allegations from members of the public and other councillors against a councillor and to determine whether there was a case to answer.

The minutes of that hearing are appended to this cover report.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

*There is a **corporate** requirement to set out the implications and risks of the decision sought, in the following areas*

Financial implications and risks:

There are none specific to this cover report or with the appendices.

Legal implications and risks:

The Constitution provides for the Adjudication & Review Committee to consider allegations made against councillors.

Human Resources implications and risks: None

Equalities implications and risks: None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None