

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 13th DECEMBER 2012

UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW STANDARDS REGIME

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: LAW, DEMOCRACY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION AND MONITORING OFFICER

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on the implementation of the new standards regime.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members

- 2.1 **Note the update on progress towards adoption of a code of conduct by the Borough and Town and Parish Councils across the Borough and the completion of their interests forms by members;**
- 2.2 **Note the update on complaints received since the adoption of the new code of conduct;**

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 19th September 2012

4. INFORMATION

- 4.1 Since implementation all authorities have now confirmed that they have adopted a Code of Conduct except for two Parish Councils where, at the time of publishing this report, we are awaiting further details. Unfortunately a number of Declaration of Interest Forms are outstanding. Officers continue to chase these and have clearly explained the implications of failure to provide this information to the Clerks in Town and Parish Councils where forms remain unfiled. We have outstanding Declaration of Interest Forms from:-

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| 1. Chetwynd | 2. Lilleshall, Donnington & Muxton |
| 3. Chetwynd Aston & Woodcote | 4. Madeley |
| 5. Dawley Hamlets | 6. Newport |
| 7. Edgmond | 8. Oakengates |
| 9. Ercall Magna | 10. Rodington |
| 11. Great Dawley | 12. Stirchley & Brookside |
| 13. Hadley & Leegomery | 14. Tibberton & Cherrington |
| 15. Hollinswood & Randlay | 16. Wellington |

- 4.2 No complaints have been received since the last Standards Committee on the 19th September 2012.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

- 5.1 No implications

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

6.1 No implications.

7. LEGAL COMMENT

7.1 The principal statutory responsibility placed upon the Borough Council is to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The cost of standards investigations together with the management and administration of the Standards Committee are currently met from within the Legal Services revenue budget. No other financial implications arise from this report.

9. WARD IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Borough wide

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 The Localism Act 2011, associated regulations and guidance from DCLG

End of Report

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