

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Standards Committee

7 November, 2011

1. **APPOINTMENT OF STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEES**

Report of the Clerk and Monitoring Officer to the Authority.

RECOMMENDED

THAT Assessment, Review, and Consideration and Hearing Sub-Committees be re-established for 2011/12, and that members be appointed to those Sub-Committees as set out in Appendix 1.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 2.1 To ask the Committee to re-establish the Assessment, Review, and Consideration and Hearing Sub-Committees for 2011/12.

3. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 require standards committees to establish sub-committees to discharge functions relating to assessment and review of complaints about member conduct, consideration of reports from the Monitoring Officer on the investigation of complaints and hearings into complaints.
- 3.2 The Authority at its meeting on 27 June, 2011, agreed the membership of the Standards Committee for the 2011/12 municipal year.
- 3.3 In line with revisions to the membership of the Committee, appointments to the standards sub-committees now need to be reviewed.
- 3.4 Each sub-committee must contain at least three members, one of which must be an independent member who must act as Chair of the sub-committee, and one of which must be an elected member.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Section 54A(6) of the Local Government Act 2000 states that the number of members of a Standards Sub-Committee and the term of office of those members are to be fixed by the Standards Committee.

5.2 Regulation 6 and 7 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 requires Standards Committees to establish sub-committees, each chaired by an independent member. At least three members must be present at meetings of a Standards Committee, or a sub-committee of a Standards Committee, which must include at least one elected member of the Council.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no significant resource implications arising from this report.

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