

REVISED PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH STANDARDS COMPLAINTS

At its meeting on 22 January 2015, the Standards Committee considered a report of the Interim Director of Legal and Governance containing a revised Procedure for Dealing with Standards Complaints.

The relevant extract from the minutes of the meeting is attached, together with the report submitted to the Standards Committee and the Parish/Town Councils' Joint Procedure for Dealing with Standards Complaints.

Bradfield Parish Council and Stocksbridge Town Council have approved the revised Procedure. Ecclesfield Parish Council is due to consider the Procedure on 2 April 2015.

As there are a small number of complaints that are being dealt with under the existing Complaints Procedure, it is proposed that these are concluded under those existing arrangements.

Recommendation

That the Council considers:-

- (a) the adoption of the Revised Procedure for Dealing with Standards Complaints, as set out in Appendix A of the report now submitted and that the Constitution is amended accordingly;
- (b) notes the proposed establishment of Consideration and Hearing Sub-Committees of the Standards Committee, as set out in the report; and
- (c) that any complaints received before 25 March 2015 are dealt with under the existing Procedure for Dealing with Standards Complaints adopted in July 2012.

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