

STANDARDS COMMITTEE 30 November 2009

Guide to the Investigation Process

PURPOSE OF REPORT: eg to comment

Background:

- 1 At its meeting of 2 October 2009, Standards Committee was informed that a briefing note had been prepared that outlines the investigation process. This would be provided to any Member subject to an investigation into an allegation that they have breached the Code of Conduct.
- 2 The Committee asked to review the briefing note (attached as Annexe 1) and contribute its views.

Conclusions:

Financial and value for money implications

3 None

Equalities Implications

4 None

Risk Management Implications

5 None

Implications for the Council's Priorities or Community Strategy/Local Area Agreement Targets

6 None

Recommendations:

Standards Committee to contribute its views on the investigations process briefing note.

Next steps:

The agreed briefing note to be provided to Members subject to an investigation into an allegation that they have breached the Code of Conduct.

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Sources/background papers:

Standards Committee Minutes, 2 October 2009 Standards for England Guidance (<u>www.standardsforengland.gov.uk</u>)