
REPORT TO:	COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 16
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REPORT FROM:	MONITORING OFFICER	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A
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SUBJECT:	ARTICLE 8 OF CONSTITUTION – ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	

1.0 Reason for Exempt

1.1 Not applicable.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That the roles and functions of the Standards Committee set out in Article 8.02 of the Council's Constitution be extended, as detailed in paragraph 4.3 of the report.

3.0 Purpose of Report

3.1 To review the roles and functions of the Standards Committee.

4.0 Detail

4.1 At the last Meeting of the Standards Committee held on 28th October 2008, the Committee received a report on the revised quorum arrangements for the Committee, which were approved at the last Council Meeting on 2nd October 2008.

4.2 Article 8.02 of the Council's Constitution also sets out the roles and functions of the Standards Committee. At the Council Meeting on 22nd May 2008, Members received a report on the Local Assessment Regulations and approved Terms of Reference for three Sub-Committees to be established as part of this new process.

4.3 Several Meetings of the Sub-Committees have been held and it is considered appropriate for the Standards Committee, as the parent body, to receive reports from them on their activities. Accordingly, the Standards Committee has recommended that the following role should also be included in Article 8.02:-

"To receive reports from the Sub-Committees in relation to the Assessment, Review and Consideration hearings and [Return to 1 of 2](#) of any allegations and to consider

whether any further recommendations need to be made to the District or Parish Council.”

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 As Meetings of the Sub-Committees are held in “private” session, a mechanism of reporting back to the Parent Committee periodically will ensure transparency in the process.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 The Council’s Standards Committee plays a vital role in promoting and maintaining the highest standards of conduct by Councillors of South Derbyshire District Council and all the Parishes in its area.

7.0 Background Papers

- 7.1 Article 8 of Constitution
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