

Title of meeting:	Governance & Audit & Standards Committee
Date of meeting:	6 th November 2015
Subject:	Review of Members' Code of Conduct and Committee Arrangements for Assessment, Investigation and Determination of Complaints
Report by:	City Solicitor
Wards affected:	N/A
Key decision:	No
Full Council decision:	Yes

1. Purpose of report

Following Members' consideration of the Code of Conduct earlier in the year, further changes have been made to the Arrangements for Assessment, Investigation and Determination of Complaints following the resolution passed at the Committee on 17 April 2015.

2. Recommendations

That Members of the Committee

- (i) Agree the proposed changes to the Arrangements for Assessment, Investigation and Determination of Complaints set out in the appendix (or propose and agree further changes) and
- (ii) Recommend the agreed changes to Council for adoption.

3. Background

Since members last considered the Code of Conduct and the Arrangements for Assessment, Investigation and Determination of Complaints, one complaint has been referred for investigation and a subsequent hearing has taken place. As a consequence of this in consultation with the members who have considered the complaint, further amendments to the procedure are proposed as set out in the attached appendix.

4. Reasons for recommendations

The amendments are proposed in order to clarify the procedure when there is no finding of fault and to avoid additional formal meetings having to be held

when the procedure can be dealt with under delegation to the City Solicitor in consultation with the members of the Initial Filtering Panel.

5. Equality impact assessment (EIA)

This report does not require an Equality Impact Assessment as it does not propose any new or changed services, policies or strategies.

6. Legal implications

The legal implications are embodied within this report.

7. Director of Finance's comments

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations contained within this report.

Appendices:

Appendix - Arrangements for Assessment, Investigation and Determination of Complaints (comparison document).

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Signed by:

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location