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The Adjudication Panel for England Appeal Process and Form

Report of the Service Director (Democratic Services)

1. Purpose of Report

To inform Members that the Adjudication Panel for England has produced an Appeal Form to be used if a member wishes to appeal against a decision of a Standards Committee made in accordance with the Local Determination Regulations.

2. Report

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Code of Conduct) (Local Determination) Regulations 2003 where a Standards Committee of a local authority makes a finding under regulation 7 (1) the member who is the subject of that finding may by way of notice in writing seek permission to appeal.

Any request for permission to appeal should specify the reasons for the appeal and whether or not that member consents to the appeal being conducted by way of written representations. It should also be submitted on the specified form. A decision as to whether permission has been granted will be made by the President (or Deputy President) and advised within 21 days.

A copy of the specified Appeal Form is attached and can also be downloaded from the Adjudication Panel's website, www.adjudicationpanel.co.uk.

The Adjudication Panel have also requested that, when the Standards Committee arrive at a decision, when providing a right of appeal, the postal address and website address of the Adjudication Panel be provided to the Member, as this may further assist the Member wishing to make an Appeal.

The use of this form will require to be included in the Council's Local Determination procedure, which was agreed at the last meeting of the Committee.

3. Recommendations

The Committee is, therefore, requested to:

- Note the existence and contents of the Appeal Form to be used if a Member wishes to appeal against a decision of the Standards Committee; and
- Agree that the use of the Form, along with the Adjudication Panel's postal address and website details be incorporated into the Council' Local Determination Procedure.

4. Financial and Legal Implications

No financial implications. Legal implications contained in the body of the report.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph References Within Supporting information
Equal Opportunities	NO	
Policy	NO	
Sustainable and Environmental	NO	
Crime and Disorder	NO	
Human Rights Act	NO	
Elderly/People on Low Income	NO	

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