

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 19

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: *The Role and Make-up of Standards Committees*

Date of Meeting: **16 September 2008**

Report of: *Director of Strategy & Governance*

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Standards Board for England (SBE) has recently issued guidance entitled 'The Role and Make-up of Standards Committees' which applies to all local authorities with Standards Committees. The report places the recently issued guidance before the Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee note the contents of the guidance, and officers' comments.
- 2.2 That the Committee agree the action points shown in bold italics under each heading.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The Council has a duty to take account of the guidance, which supplements the legislation and relevant regulations.
- 3.2 The report places the guidance before the Committee and indicates how the Council already deals with its contents or suggests what the Council might wish to do. This is done by setting out the text of the guidance with comments and action points added in italics – see the Appendix to the report.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 There has been no consultation.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 Financial Implications:

There are none, save those associated with the appointment of a fourth independent person. These will need to be met from existing budgets.

5.2 Legal Implications:

These are addressed in the body of the report and Appendix.

Lawyer Consulted: Liz Woodley

Date: 12 August 2008

5.3 Equalities Implications:

There are no direct implications arising from the report.

5.4 Sustainability Implications:

There are no sustainability implications arising from the report.

5.5 Crime & Disorder Implications:

There are no direct implications arising from the report.

5.6 Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

No formal risk assessment has been carried out in connection with the report.

5.7 Corporate / Citywide Implications:

There are none.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Guidance issued by the Standards Board for England.

Documents In Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None

