

Agenda Item: 7

Meeting: Standards Committee

Date: 1 May 2009

Subject: Code of Conduct Case Profile from the Standards Board for England

Report of: Monitoring Officer

Summary: To bring to the attention of Members a letter received from the Standards Board for England dated 30 March 2009 in respect of the Code of Conduct Case Profiles from the former Mid Bedfordshire, South Bedfordshire Districts and Bedfordshire County Councils.

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Non-executive

Reason for urgency (if appropriate) N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Committee receive and note the report.
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Code of Conduct Case Profiles

1. Members will see attached at Appendix "A" to this report is a letter dated 30 March 2009, from the Standards Board for England. This letter sets out the Code of Conduct Case Profiles relating to the former legacy Authorities. The letter includes the number of open cases included in the profile which were taken from the last complete set of Monitoring returns, which cover the period up to the end of December 2008. I am pleased to report that four of those cases were concluded by 31 March 2009, leaving three remaining live. Of those three cases remaining live, one is being dealt with by the Standards Board for England, one will need to come to a Standards Hearing and one to an Assessments Sub-Committee.

2. Regulations that came into effect on 11 March 2009, contain provisions relating to cases that are ongoing in respect of Code of Conduct allegations which transfer to the new Authority. These Regulations provide that the cases will be dealt with by the new Standards Committee for Central Bedfordshire Council in accordance with the legislation and timescales set.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

Contributes to all Council priorities to ensure good governance

Financial:

None at this stage

Legal:

The Local Government (Structural Changes) (Further Transitional and Supplementary Provision and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2009
Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

Risk Management:

N/A

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

N/A

Equalities/Human Rights:

N/A

Community Development/Safety:

N/A

Sustainability:

N/A

Location of papers: Priory House, Chicksands