

REPORT FOR RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE: Standards Committee
DATE: 17th November 2008
SUBJECT: Dates for Panel meetings – 2008/2009 Municipal year
REPORT OF: The City Solicitor

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To propose dates for meetings of Panels A, B and C for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the proposed dates of meetings be approved.

FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR REVENUE BUDGET: None

FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR CAPITAL BUDGET: None

WARDS AFFECTED:

None

IMPLICATIONS FOR:

Antipoverty	Equal Opportunities	Environment	Employment
No	No	No	No

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Minutes of the Standards Committee – 5 August 2008

Background

1. The Standards Committee met on 5th August 2008 and approved the establishment of sub-committees, each chaired by a different independent member and comprising different elected members, to (a) undertake the assessment of allegations made under section 57A of the Local Government Act 2000 (b) consider any request made under section 57B of the Act for a review of any decisions to take no action in respect of the assessment of an allegation, and (c) to discharge the

function of holding hearings in connection with investigations would also be necessary.

2. The City Solicitor was asked to plan dates for these meetings for the remainder of the Municipal year in preference to making ad hoc arrangements as need demanded.

3. The next six months will essentially be a trial period during which the volume of work and future frequency of meetings can be fully assessed, and the initial approach has therefore been that one plotting one meeting of each of the panels into each Council cycle, viz -

Cycle 3

Panel A 17 November (at the rise of the Standards Committee)
Panel B 1 December (10.30)
Panel C 15 December (10.30)

Cycle 4

Panel A 12 January 2009 (at the rise of the Standards Committee)
Panel B 26 January (10.30)
Panel C 9 February (10.30)

Cycle 5

Panel A 9 March (at the rise of the Standards Committee)
Panel B 23 March (10.30)
Panel C 30 March (10.30)

Panel A = Mr Snadden Chair
Councillors Burns* and Whitmore (*Councillor Ali as substitute)

Panel B = Mrs Carmichael, Chair
Councillors O'Callaghan* and Sandiford (*Councillor Ali as substitute)

Panel C = Mrs Isles, Chair
Councillors Evans* and Firth (*Councillor Ali as substitute)

4. In the event that any of these meetings are not required the City Solicitor will inform members seven days prior to the meeting date.

5. Based on the experience gained during this period the Committee will be asked to agree forward dates into the 2009/2010 municipal year.