

## REPORT OF THE CLERK

# CASE REPORTS IN RELATION TO FIRE AUTHORITIES

## 1 Purpose of Report

To provide the Committee with information relating to complaints alleging breach of the Members' Code of Conduct against Members of Fire Authorities.

## 2 Recommendations

That Members:

- a) Note the contents of the report; and
- b) Agree that the Clerk to the Fire Authority write to the Standards Board for England requesting specific details in relation to complaints made against Members of Fire Authorities.

## 3 Background

At the previous meeting of this Committee on 26 April, Members asked if there was any information with regard to complaints made to the Standards Board for England in respect of Members of the Fire Authorities in England.

The latest edition of the Standards Board for England bulletin (released on 29 May 2006) sets out current statistics. Those statistics set out a percentage total in respect of complaints about Members and are divided into categories (for example Parish/Town Council, Unitary Council etc). Fire Authorities are not specifically referred to and it can, therefore, be assumed that they are contained within the "other" category. The most recent Standards Bulletin shows that currently only one percent of referrals have been made with regard to Members that have fallen to the "other" category.

Upon checking the case reports on the Standards Board website, there is only one case in relation to a Fire Authority and that is attached in the Appendix to this report.



## 4 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## 5 Legal Comment

The legal comment is contained within the main body of the report.

## 6 Appendix

Case Summary

## 7 Background Papers

Standards Board for England Bulletin, Issue 29, May 2006

Implications of all of the following have been considered and, where they are significant (i.e. marked with an asterisk), the implications are detailed within the report itself.

Balance Score Card		Integrated Risk Management Planning	
Business Continuity Planning		Legal	*
Capacity		Member Involvement	
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	
Comprehensive Performance Assessment		Operational Assurance	
Equality and Diversity		Retained	
Efficiency Savings		Risk and Insurance	
Environmental		Staff	
Financial		Strategic Planning	
Fire Control/Fire Link		West Midlands Regional Management Board	

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