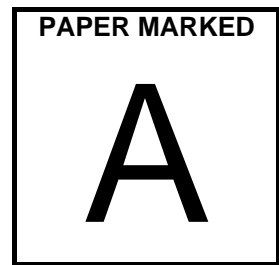


LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY



Meeting **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Date **THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 10.00 A.M.**

Report of **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Subject **STANDARDS ISSUES UPDATE**

Purpose of Report

1. This report draws together a number of miscellaneous strands relating to standards issues that have arisen since the last Standards Committee meeting.

Commentary

2. The Chairman of the Committee attended the Annual Assembly 2009 on 12 and 13 October 2009. The Chief Executive attended for the first day only. A copy of the notes relating to that event have been circulated to Members as LPA Circular 22/2009.
3. Standards for England have issued their Annual Review document. The document includes case studies and examples of good practice. It is found at www.standardsforengland.gov.uk/media/Annual%20Review.pdf. A copy of the first 22 pages of the document is found at Appendix 1 to this report so that Members may discuss any matters of interest.
4. The Chairman has asked that members discuss the way that the Standards Committee interfaces with other Police Authority Committees and to explore with you internal engagement options of the Standards Committee work.
5. The work of Adjudication Panel for England (APE) has, from 18 January 2010, come under the jurisdiction of the General Regulatory Chamber as part of a plan to unify the tribunal system. Hence appeals to APE are now dealt with by the First-Tier Tribunal. There is no immediate impact for the Standards Committee in Leicestershire Police Authority.
6. During the 15 December 2009 training session on the Code of Conduct an issue arose relating to blanket declarations of interest. The discussion was prompted by questions around whether a CDRP was a body which should be referred to in a member's interests register. Technically it should. CDRP matters are often raised in the course of discussions on items at the full Authority and other Committees. In the vast majority of such cases the mere mention of the CDRP, or what it has been doing, does not give rise to an interest. However the Community Consultation Committee has a standing item to discuss those issues relating to CDRP matters. This could give rise to an interest as the Authority business relates to the CDRP membership of each member; this would be a non-prejudicial interest and therefore the member

would continue to take part in the discussion in that forum. It was therefore suggested that some wording on the meeting's agenda could cover constitute a "blanket" declaration of interest. Members are asked to reflect on the situation and the transparency surrounding it. Of course the declaration will continue to be registerable in the written register of interests which remains open for public inspection.

7. This Committee has previously agreed to inspect the gifts and hospitality register annually and this will be brought to the meeting so that members can see the content. Members are reminded that any gifts and hospitality over £25 received by a Member must generate a change to their personal interests form rather than be placed in the gifts and hospitality register.
8. The next scheduled meeting of this Committee is on 15 June 2010. However, Derbyshire Police Authority has agreed to host a meeting on 22 June 2010 to which representatives of police authority Standards Committee members in the region will be invited. We could hold our meeting on 22 June 2010 in Derbyshire. Details would need to be agreed with our hosts but it would be possible to hold our meeting at the same time, in the same room, as the joint meeting providing there was a correlation of agendas. This seems a better proposal than having a couple of our Members attend the Derbyshire meeting, leaving us still needing to meet on 15 June to dispose of Leicestershire's business. It is anticipated that our business will be relevant for regional discussion. Members' views are requested.
9. The Standards Committee training on the consideration meeting was postponed at the last Committee meeting as the training materials needed adjusting. The revised date set for 8 December 2009 was cancelled due to pressure of work. Therefore a new date is needed.
10. At the June 2009 meeting the Committee did indicate that it would continue to look at how up to date the business interests are. Members will find at Appendix 2 the latest schedule showing the date of the last personal interests form lodged with the Authority. Members are invited to comment.

Recommendation

11. Members are requested to
 - (a) discuss the contents of this report;
 - (b) agree the approach to declaring interests;
 - (c) inspect the gifts and hospitality register;
 - (d) agree that the 15 June 2010 meeting date be vacated in favour of 22 June; and
 - (e) set a date for the "consideration meeting" training.

Implications:

Financial: none. Legal: none. Diversity: none. Risk Management: none.

Background Papers: None.

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APPENDIX 2

Member	Date of most recent Members' Interest form
Mr David Bill	27 January 2009
Mr Paul Brown	16 October 2008
Dr Shofiqul Chowdhury	27 January 2009
Mrs Manjit Darby	6 February 2009
Mr Uday Dholakia	27 January 2009
Mr Bernard Greaves	27 January 2009
Dr Sarah Hill	30 June 2009
Mr Fred Mann	28 January 2009
Mrs Wendy Martin	27 January 2009
Mr Wayne Naylor	22 July 2009
Mrs Di Newton	9 December 2008
Mr Joe Orson	16 July 2009
Mr David Prince	1 June 2009
Mr Tim Render	16 October 2008
Mr Byron Rhodes	24 July 2009
Mrs Adrienne Roberts	28 January 2009
Mr Barrie Roper	8 December 2008
Mr David Snartt	29 July 2009
Mr Manish Sood	11 July 2009