

REPORT OF THE CLERK AND MONITORING OFFICER**COMPLAINTS MADE TO THE STANDARDS
BOARD FOR ENGLAND AGAINST FIRE
AUTHORITY MEMBERS
MARCH 2005 - MARCH 2006****1 Purpose of Report**

To inform the Committee of complaints made to the Standards Board for England in respect of any potential breach of the Code of Conduct for Members during the period March 2005 to March 2006 and to confirm the outcome of any such complaints.

2 Recommendations

Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

3 Background

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority adopted the model Code of Conduct for Members on 5 April 2002. All Members of the Authority and co-optees to its Standards Committee are bound by the provisions of the Code. Complaints in respect of any Member believed to have breached the code are made to the Standards Board for England.

4 Summary of Complaints

Between March 2005 and March 2006 no complaints, alleging that the Code of Conduct has been breached, have made against any Member of the Fire Authority to the Standards Board for England.



5 Legal Comment

Under the Local Government Act 2000 the Fire Authority is required to have in place a Code of Conduct for Members. All Members of the Authority must agree to observe the Code and sign an undertaking to that effect. Complaints relating to alleged breaches of the Code are made to the Standards Board for England, which may investigate internally or refer them to the Fire Authority for local investigation and/or determination.

6 Appendices

There are no appendices attached to this report.

7 Background Papers

Local Government Act 2000 and Regulations made thereunder

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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