

Standards Committee 22nd November 2005

Report from the Borough Solicitor

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Wards Affected: ALL

Standards Board for England Borough Statistics

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides some of the latest statistics provided by the Standards Board for England in respect of the number of complaints received and decisions made in reference to allegations of misconduct by members of London Boroughs.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That members note the report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

4.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct staffing implications arising from this report.

5.0 DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct diversity implications arising from this report.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The report concerns the findings of the Standards Board for England in respect of complaints against members of London Boroughs. The Standards Board for England is an independent body introduced by Part 3 of the Local Government Act 2000.

- 6.2 The Standards Board is responsible for the conduct of members and co-opted members in a large variety of local authorities including police, fire and civil defence authorities as well as London Boroughs.
- 6.3 There is no legal requirement to maintain statistics of complaints.

7.0 DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Officers believe that there are no specific diversity implications in this report.

8.0 DETAIL

8.1 The Standards Board publishes on its website a statistical breakdown of allegations received about councillors. These statistics are attached.

9.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Local Government Act 2000

Any persons wishing to inspect the papers in connection with the above proposals shall contact Jane Alver at jane.alver@brent.gov.uk, Town Hall Annexe, Forty Lane, Wembley Middlesex HA9 9HD – Telephone number 0208 937 1368