



Standards Committee

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Report from the Mayor's Office and Member Development Manager

Wards Affected:
None

Financial and Procedural Rules Governing the Mayor's Charity Appeal

1.0 Summary

1.1 This report outlines a new set of financial and procedural rules for governing the Mayor's Charity Appeal.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to note the new rules relating to the financial and procedural management of the Mayor's Charity Appeal as set out in appendix 2 of this report.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Each year the Mayor chooses one or more charities to support through fund raising throughout the Mayoral year. Money is raised through holding events and asking businesses and other contacts for contributions to the funds.

3.2 The previous rules governing the operation of the Mayor's Charity Appeal (see Appendix 1) have been in place for some time and needed to be reviewed and updated to ensure effectiveness and transparency. The previous rules were put before the Standards Committee in 2005 to be noted in light of the Standards Committee role in the conduct of members which include the Mayor. For that reason the changes to the rules are being brought to the attention of the Standards Committee for members to note.

Changes to the new rules governing the Mayor's Charity Appeal

3.3 Clarity on the selection of the Mayor's chosen charity (ies) is required in order to provide a consistent approach and one which ensures that as far as possible the charity(ies) chosen will be appropriate for the duration of the Mayoral term.

3.4 Furthermore, due to the economic situation and for other reasons there may be occasions where difficulties may arise in relation to the Mayor's choice of charity and a process for resolving difficulties is therefore considered to be helpful.

3.5 Although the previous procedure did address areas of financial regulation, these have been reviewed and updated so that they reflect current financial regulations.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 When the Mayor nominates and then supports one or more charities through various fund raising activities the Council is exercising its wellbeing powers under S2 Local Government Act 2000. The money collected by the office of Mayor on behalf of the charities is governed by trustee and charity law.

6.0 Diversity Implications

6.1 None

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)

7.1 None

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