

By: The Director of Law and Governance

To: Standards Committee – 30 April 2008

Subject: NEW STANDARDS REGULATIONS – LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

Classification: Unrestricted

FOR DECISION

1. It would appear that the new Draft Regulations permit Standards Committees to appoint Independent Members from other Standards Committees to deal with specific allegations or complaints.
2. I have been approached by the London Borough of Bromley who have suggested that this could represent a pragmatic way of dealing with availability/conflict of interest without the need to embark on wide-scale recruitment.
3. Initially I am seeking Members' views on whether they would be prepared to cover sharing Independent Members in appropriate circumstances.

<p>4. Recommendation</p>

<p>Members' views are sought.</p>

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Background Documents: None