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SOUTH YORKSHIRE  
**FIRE & RESCUE  
AUTHORITY**

**TO:- ALL MEMBERS OF THE APPEALS AND  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**CC: APPROPRIATE OFFICERS**

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Dear Member

**SOUTH YORKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**  
**APPEALS AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2016**

I write to inform you that there will be a meeting of the Appeals and Standards Committee on **Tuesday 6 September 2016 at 1.30 pm at the Offices of the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, 18 Regent Street, Barnsley, S70 2HG**

**A Member Briefing will be held at 1:00 pm.**

The agenda and supporting papers are attached.

Yours faithfully

Diana Terris  
Clerk

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## **Membership**

Councillors N Akther, S Ayris, A Buckley, P Haith, S Howard and E Hughes.

## **For this Appeal Councillors Haith, Howard, Hughes & Akther**

## **Appeals and Standards Committee Terms of Reference (Statutory Powers)**

### **General**

- To assist the Authority in discharging its duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Members and co-opted members of the Authority.
- To assist Members and co-opted Members of the Authority in understanding and observing the requirements of the Authority's Code of Conduct for Members and co-opted members ("the Code").
- To advise the Authority on revisions to the Code and on procedures for dealing with standards complaints.
- To receive reports from the Monitoring Officer.
- To deal with such other functions as the Authority considers appropriate.

### **Dispensations**

- To hear appeals against decisions of the Monitoring officer not to grant a dispensation.
- To grant dispensations to Members on behalf of the Authority under section 33 of the Local Government Act 2011.

### **Standards Allegations**

- To determine, in consultation with the Independent Person in relation to matters referred to the Committee by the Monitoring Officer, whether a complaint requires investigation.
- To consider complaint investigation reports referred to it by the Monitoring Officer and to determine, in consultation with the Independent Person:
  - i) Whether there is a "no breach of code" finding on investigation that no further action is required.
  - ii) Where there is a "breach of code" finding on investigation to consider and determine whether:
    - a) to proceed by way of local resolution avoiding the necessity for a hearing; or
    - b) to hold a hearing.
  - iii) If the allegation is upheld the Appeals and Standards Committee shall either:
    - a) Determine that no further action be taken; or
    - b) Recommend to the Authority any further appropriate action be taken in accordance with the general powers available to the Authority.

## **Contact Details**

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**A G E N D A     Reports attached unless stated otherwise**

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