

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Standards Committee

17th June 2009

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT

Purpose

1. To note the budget spend in 2008/2009 and the current year to date, including the costs of the hearings held to date.

Background

2. The budget for 2008/2009 was £15,040 with a total spend of £13,838.23. The budget for 2009/2010 is £15,040.

3. The following costs were incurred in 2008/2009:

Training for members and officers	£10,220.00
Attendance at the Annual Assembly of Standards Committees by Chairman of Standards Committee	£430.00
Investigation by external investigator	£1,356.75
Standards Committee Hearing	£285.38
Newspaper advert re recruitment of Independent Members	£1,546.10

4. The following administrative costs for 2 hearings have been incurred in the current financial year:

Agendas produced by the print room (No separate costs for miscellaneous other printing is recorded)	£25.86
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Cost of publication of the notice of findings of the Hearings Panel	£1,024.00
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5. Members should note that the time of the Monitoring Officer and Deputy Monitoring Officers, together with time spent on Investigations conducted by Virginia Lloyd, Lawyer are not a charge on the Standards Committee budget. Their time is a salary cost to the authority. Time spent on investigations amounts to approximately 30 hours per investigation.

Recommendations

6. That the report be noted.

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