

## SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Standards Committee	16 June 2010
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### STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2009/10 BUDGET

#### Purpose

1. To note the budget spend in 2009/10 and the current year to date.

#### Recommendations and Reasons

2. That the Standards Committee note the report.

#### Considerations

3. The Standards Committee budget for 2008/09 and 2009/10 was £15,040. There was a total spend in 2008/09 of £13,838.23 and in 2009/10 of £4,835. The significant difference in spend relates to the deferral of training during 2009/10 for members and officers in anticipation of a new Code of Conduct; in 2008/09 the cost of such training was £10,220.
4. The following costs were incurred in 2009/10:

Public Notices in <i>Cambridge News</i> of findings of the Hearings Panels (SBE 21842.08 and CORCOM 3312), as required by The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008	£1,024.00
Attendance at the Annual Assembly of Standards Committees by four delegates for two days and one delegate for one day	£1,950.00
Attendance at Local Government Chronicle Awards by five delegates	
Seating	£1,050.00
Accommodation	£447.00
External Investigation (CORCOM 3886), work completed to 31 March 2010	£364.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,835.00</b>
5. The administrative costs incurred for the two hearings (SBE 21842.08 and CORCOM 3312) in 2009/10 were £25.86 (agendas produced by the print room).
6. The following costs have already been incurred in 2010/11:

Pre-booking of attendance at the Annual Assembly of Standards Committees by five delegates	£2,150.00
External Investigation (CORCOM 3886, work undertaken since 31 March 2010)	£608.73
External Investigation (CORCOM 3946)	£1,077.66

Public Appointment in <i>Cambridge News</i> seeking Independent Members 2010-14, as required by The Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) Regulations 2001	£734.40
Public Notice in <i>Cambridge News</i> of findings of the Hearings Panel (CORCOM 3768-3798-3799), as required by The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008	£918.00
<b>Total (to date)</b>	<b>£5,488.79</b>

7. The administrative cost for the public hearing of CORCOM 3768-3798-3799 was £19.80 (agendas produced by the print room).
8. The Council has not yet been invoiced for two further external investigations, CORCOM 4058 and CORCOM 4099.
9. Officer time, including time spent on investigations conducted internally, 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.

**Background Papers:** the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

Standards Committee 2008/09 Budget Report

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