

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Standards Committee

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2010/11 BUDGET

Purpose

1. To note the budget spend in 2010/11.

Recommendations and Reasons

2. That the Standards Committee notes the report.

Considerations

3. The Standards Committee budget for 2008/09 through 2010/11 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 2010/11:

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| External Investigation (CORCOM 3886, work undertaken from 1 April 2010) | £608.73 |
| External Investigation (CORCOM 3946) | £1,077.66 |
| External Investigation (CORCOM 4099) | £1,044.07 |
| External Investigation (CORCOM 4058) | £4,139.47 |
| External Investigation (CORCOM 4297) | £2,163.97 |
| Public Appointment in <i>Cambridge News</i> seeking Independent Members 2010-14, as required by The Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) Regulations 2001 | |
| Public Notices in <i>Cambridge News</i> of findings of the Hearings Panels | |
| CORCOM 3768-3798-3799 | £918.00 |
| CORCOM 3886 | £397.80 |
| CORCOM 4099 | £489.60 |
| CORCOM 4058 | £489.60 |
| CORCOM 4297 | £550.80 |
| as required by The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 | |

Total (to date) £12,614.10

5. The £2,150.00 paid in April 2010 by the Standards Committee for advance booking of places at the 2010 Annual Assembly of Standards Committees was refunded in full following the June 2010 cancellation of the Assembly.

6. 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, 2009/10 Budget Reports

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