

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

URGENT ACTION - NO SPECIFIC POWERS

ACTION FOR WHICH CHIEF EXECUTIVE HAS DELEGATED
POWERS SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION WITH CHAIRMAN

SERIAL NO.....

SUBJECT MATTER:

Standards Board Consultation on adjourning Local Assessment decisions.

COMMITTEE TO WHICH MATTER RELATES: Standards

REASON FOR ACTION BEING TAKEN OUT OF MEETING:

The consultation closes on 22 September 2008 and the next meeting of Standards Committee is not until 24 October 2008.

BACKGROUND:

On 29 August 2008, the Standards Board for England published a consultation concerning the Local Assessment of Complaints under the Code of Conduct for Members. The consultation seeks views from Standards Committees on the possibility of decisions being adjourned whilst the Monitoring Officer establishes whether the Member will co-operate with the proposed course of action. There are a number of advantages and disadvantages in changing the existing arrangements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (IF ANY): None.

ACTION AUTHORISED:

That the Monitoring Officer be authorised in consultation with the Chairman of Standards Committee to respond on behalf of the Standards Committee to the Standards Board consultation on adjourning Local Assessment Decisions.

DATE ACTION AUTHORISED:

4 September 2008.