

Comments from Standards Committee

18 November 2024

PART 3 – COMMITTEES

- **Page 51 (Supplementary Pack) – List of Committees**
No reference to Chairs Scrutiny Forum. This is now the Scrutiny Co-ordination Group (see paragraph 1.56 of Part 5 (Overview & Scrutiny)).
- **Page 89 (Supplementary Pack) – Senior Appointments & Disciplinary Committee – Restrictions on Chair & Vice Chair**
Reference to Employee and Education Appeals Committee – No such Committee at Southend. Check legislation requirements. **removed**
- **Page 190 (Supplementary Pack) – Section 4**
Heading says EMLOYEE - should be EMPLOYEE. ✓
- **Page 193 (Supplementary Pack) – Politically Restricted Posts**
Should these be included on the website or the intranet.
- **Page 196 (Supplementary Pack), Paragraph 4.58**
The selling and use of drugs especially whilst on duty needs re-wording. Is this necessary as its already unlawful or consider alternative to “especially while on duty”. ✓
- **Committees – Budget Implications**
The new Committee Structure will come into effect in the new Municipal Year.
May
need a Remuneration Panel meeting before this. Check also Independent Persons on Standards Committee SRA/allowances are set by Remuneration Panel

PART 7 (OFFICERS)

- **Financial Procedure Rules**
These have not been updated and do not form part of this review. The S.151 Officer has suggested a review before the next financial year.
- **Page 225 (Supplementary Pack) – Table of Thresholds**

APPENDIX A(ii)

Should be £75,000 to £499,999.99. ✓table at 8.2 amended Also, the Exception Approval Requirements for this threshold needs reconsideration. Should be 2 officers from different departments – perhaps Monitoring Officer and S.151 Officer) and reference to informing relevant Cabinet Member – and consider strengthening the wording in paragraphs 8.2.2 to 8.2.6. ✓ suggested rewording to section 8 Any significant changes to the procedures may need to be cross-referenced with the Financial Procedure Rules. This may need to be picked up in the “wash up sessions” on 27 November .