Amendment to Sanctions Available in Relation to Member's Failure to Comply With The Code Of Conduct

The Committee should

- Report its findings to Council for information and may;
- Recommend to the member's Group Leader (or in the case of un-grouped members, recommend to Council or to Committees) that he/she be removed from any or all Committees or Sub-Committees of the Council;
- Recommend to the Leader of the Council that the member be removed from the Cabinet, or removed from particular Portfolio responsibilities;
- Instruct the Monitoring Officer to arrange training for the member;
- Remove the member from all outside appointments to which he/she has been appointed or nominated by the authority;
- Withdraw facilities provided to the member by the Council, such as a computer, website and/or email and Internet access; or

Excluding the member from the Council's offices or other premises, with the exception of meeting rooms as necessary for attending Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings.

Appeals

There is no requirement to put in place any appeals mechanism against such decisions. The decision would be open to judicial review by the High Court if it was patently unreasonable, or if it were taken improperly, or if it sought to impose a sanction which the authority had no power to impose.

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