

ACTION ARISING FROM STD03-99 & STD-04-00

Item	Action	By Whom?	Latest Position
<p>Item 2: Quarterly update and review of action arising from STD-02-99</p> <p><u>Cardiff County Club</u></p> <p>It was noted that there were a number of emerging inconsistencies between standing order 4, the Annex and the Assembly's guidance on interests. There was a need to undertake a review; it would be possible to look at the issue of private members clubs as part of that review.</p>	<p>To ensure that issue of private members clubs is included within scope of review of standing order 4.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>	<p>Covered in the paper on Review of Members Interests (STD 05-18-00)</p>
<p>Item 3: Register of Members' Interests & Guidance</p> <p><u>Sponsorship</u></p> <p>The Committee agreed that the advice contained in the paper should be disseminated as guidance for Members.</p> <p><u>Declaration of Interests & Voting</u></p> <p>It was clear from the discussion that there was concern about this whole area and perception in some circles that double standards were being applied.</p> <p>The Committee welcomed the proposal [for a review], subject to there being full consultation with Members and/or parties on identifying the shortcomings and the proposed changes. In the short-term it was agreed that the Secretariat should issue additional guidance on the specific issues raised by the Committee and that the covering note should inform Members of the Committee's intention to undertake a full review.</p>	<p>To implement the recommendations in paragraphs 6,10 & 11, of STD-3-12-99 as agreed by the Committee. Subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Informing Members of the Review 2. Reinforcing the "golden rule" in the draft basic advice at paragraph 11. 	<p>Secretariat</p>	<p>Guidance circulated to Members in April [due to delay in translation]</p> <p>As above.</p>
<p>Item 4: The Assembly Complaints Procedure</p> <p>The Committee briefly considered the responses to the consultation exercise; it was agreed that the Independent Adviser, when appointed, would be asked to take the work on this forward.</p>	<p>To brief Independent Adviser</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>	<p>Adviser appointed 15th March. Briefed by Secretariat in early April; Will report orally to the May meeting</p>

<p>Item 5: Independent Adviser</p> <p>The Committee had wanted greater party involvement in the selection process. It was agreed that party leaders would be consulted before the appointment of the preferred candidate was confirmed.</p>	<p>To prepare joint notes for the Chair and the Presiding Officer to send to party leaders as soon as possible after the interviews have taken place.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>	<p>Clearance obtained. Appointment made on 15th March.</p>
<p>STD04-00 Special meeting with newly appointed adviser</p>			
<p>Item 1: Introductions</p>	<p>To draft a protocol outlining the Adviser's role and arrangements for Members' contact with him.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>	<p>Drafted. Will be tabled at the Committee's May meeting.</p>
<p>Item 3: Complaints Procedure</p>	<p>To undertake further work on the draft complaints procedure with a view to firming it up and making it operational.</p>	<p>Adviser</p>	<p>Oral update at May meeting.</p>

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