



## Report to:

Northwards Housing Board  
12<sup>th</sup> October 2006

## Item No:

# 12f

<b>Title:</b>	Standards Panel Procedure		
<b>Date:</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> September 2006		
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<b>Confidential:</b>	No		
<b>For: (Please tick action required)</b>	<b>NOTING</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>APPROVAL</b> 3

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

Provision for the establishment of the Standards Panel has now been completed and the Rules of the Company amended accordingly.

However, it would seem appropriate to set out a few clear statements in the Standing Orders on the purpose of the Panel and how it might be brought together if thought necessary.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Board are asked to approve the revisions to the Standing Orders to incorporate the Standards Panel Procedures.

### IMPLICATIONS

<b>Equality &amp; Diversity:</b>	None directly
<b>Financial:</b>	None directly
<b>Staffing:</b>	None directly
<b>Decency Target:</b>	None directly
<b>Governance:</b>	Yes - enabling the establishment of demonstrable good governance arrangements.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	Not a primary risk area.

### Equality & Diversity Implications (Please tick where relevant):

BME	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single Parents	<input type="checkbox"/>
Young	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domestic Violence	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alcohol / Drug Mis-users	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Consultation/Consideration:

	<b>Yes, No or N/A:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Sub-Committee:</b>	Yes	Resource & Governance	26 <sup>th</sup> September 2006
<b>Area Panel:</b>	No		
<b>Task Groups:</b>	No		
<b>Ward Councillors:</b>	N/A		

### **Amendment to Standing Orders**

#### **15 Standards Panel**

15.1 As provided by Article 22 (2), the Board has the power, from time to time when required, to form a Standards Panel.

15.2 When formed, the Panel shall consist of three Board Members (being the Chair and one Board Member from each of the other categories of Board Member such that the Panel comprises one Council Board Member, one Independent Board Member and one Tenant Board Member).

15.3 To carry out specific pieces of work such as a review of Codes of Conduct and Protocols, the Panel will be created at a Board Meeting and will act until discharged by the Board after completion of the task.

15.4 If the Panel is required to consider or determine any allegations of misconduct or determine sanctions to be imposed on a finding of misconduct, on most occasions the Board will appoint the members of the Panel at a meeting following discussion of the relevant issues.

15.5 If Members of the Board determine that a Panel is required prior to the next Board Meeting they should advise the Chief Executive and Chair (or Vice Chair in the case of involvement of the Chair) and they will determine whether a Panel should be created by way of an urgent decision between Board Meetings.

15.6 If a Panel is convened between Board Meetings, the reasons for its creation and membership of the Panel shall be confirmed at the next Board Meeting.

[Sections 15 to 17 to be renumbered 16 to 18]

### **Recommendation**

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