

Standards - Group A

Those Standards to which the Council had agreed in July 2015 and no further changes have been made to them - the position therefore remains unchanged.

1, 6, 12, 55, 61, 63, 68, 75, 77, 77a, 80, 81, 82, 98, 115, 119, 125, 130a, 131, 134, 135, 136a, 137b, 138, 140, 141, 143, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 155(a), 156(a), 156(b), 157(a), 157(b), 158(1), 158(2), 158(3), 158(4), 158(5)(a), 159, 160, 161(a), 162(a), 162(b), 163(a), 163(b), 164(1), 164(2), 164(3), 164(4), 164(5)(a), 165, 166, 167(a), 168, 169, 170(1), 170(2)(a), 170(2)(b), 170(2)(c), 170(2)(d), 170(3), 170(4), 170(5)(a), 171, 172, 175(a).

Total:

70 Standards or sub-clauses.

Recommendation:

As these were agreed as reasonable and proportionate during the compliance notice consultation period, it is recommended these are now formally accepted with no further discussion needed.

Standards - Group B

Those Standards to which the Council had agreed in July 2015 but with a request for an extension to the timescales or some other amendment, to which the Commissioner's office has agreed.

33.

(Exception added, current policy now complies with this Standard)

45, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 120, 132, 145, 146, 173(a), 174.

(The Council had requested a timetable extension from 6 months compliance to 12, 18 or 24 - these have all been extended, but to 12 months only)

Total:

14 Standards or sub-clauses.

Recommendation:

As these were agreed as reasonable and proportionate during the compliance notice consultation period with some changes or extensions, and the Commissioner's office has done so (even though the extension periods are not fully as the Council had requested) it is recommended these are now formally accepted as in all likelihood further challenges on timescale would prove unsuccessful.

Standards - Group C

Those Standards the Council were not given a compliance notice for in July 2015 and the situation remains unchanged.

23, 24(b), 26(b), 27(b), 27(c), 27(ch), 29(b), 39, 40, 53, 54, 73, 113, 117, 121, 123, 139.

Total:

17 Standards or sub-clauses.

Recommendation:

None required.

Standards - Group D

Those Standards the Council had rejected in July 2015 and the Commissioner's office has now removed from the final Compliance Notice.

65, 65(a), 66, 78

Total:

4 Standards or sub-clauses.

Recommendation:

None required.

Standards - Group E

Those Standards the Council had accepted in July 2015 but the Commissioner's office has extended the original deadline.

152

Total:

1 Standard.

Recommendation:

None required - it is possible the timescale was extended from 6 to 12 months to match other local authority requests, but this was not a request made by CCBC during the consultation period.

Standards - Group F

Those Standards the Council had rejected in July 2015 and the Commissioner's office has imposed a different one instead with more reasonable expectations.

10	changed to	11
18	changed to	19
25	changed to	26 and 26(a)
28	changed to	29 and 29(a)
85	changed to	84

Total:

5 Standards removed and 7 Standards and sub-clauses imposed in their place.

Recommendation:

The replacement Standards are ones that are current practice in CCBC and therefore it is recommended that these are formally agreed.

Standards - Group G

Those Standards the Council were not given a compliance notice for in July 2015 but have now been given in the final notice, as a result of the changes noted in Group F above.

47, 124, 126(b)

Total:

3 Standards or sub-clauses.

Recommendation:

As these are additional ones that go together with Group F above, as a result of changes to those following Council comments, it is recommended that these are formally agreed.

Standards - Group H

Those Standards to which the Council had agreed in July 2015 but with a request for an extension to the timescales or some other amendment, which the Commissioner's office has rejected.

7, 15, 20, 22, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 44(a), 48, 49, 50, 50(a), 50(b), 51, 69, 71, 72, 72(a), 83, 99, 112(a), 116, 122, 127, 137, 176.

Total:

30 Standards or sub-clauses.

Recommendation:

Though disappointing that the timetable extension was not agreed, as the Council had agreed these as reasonable and proportionate during the compliance notice consultation period, it is recommended that these are now formally accepted.

In all likelihood further challenges would prove unsuccessful with no further evidence to support those challenges, however Cabinet may wish to decide to proceed with a challenge in any case.

Standards - Group I

Those Standards the Council had rejected in July 2015 but the Commissioner's office has imposed with an amendment.

41 Exception added - removal of "other papers"

64 Exception added:

- main reception service in 6 months
- every other reception service in 12 months

(see also Group D as three related Standards have been removed)

76 Exception added - current policy now complies with this Standard

137(a) Exception added

Total:

4 Standards or sub-clauses.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that these be discussed and reconsidered due to the changes made in the final Compliance Notice and a new decision be made regarding accepting them now or going ahead with a formal challenge.

The changes made to 41 and 76 have significantly reduced the costs associated with compliance, to which the Council had previously objected.

Standards - Group J

Those Standards the Council had rejected in July 2015 but the Commissioner's office has imposed anyway, but with a change of timetable.

2, 3, 21, 27, 27(a), 27(d), 36, 52, 57, 60, 94, 95, 96, 97, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 128, 129, 173(b).

(Timetable change from 6 months compliance to 12 months)

Total:

29 Standards or sub-clauses.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that these be discussed and reconsidered due to the changes made in the final Compliance Notice timetable and a new decision be made regarding accepting them or going ahead with a formal challenge.

Standards - Group K

Those Standards the Council had rejected in July 2015 but the Commissioner's office has imposed with no change or amendments.

4, 5, 8, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 24, 24(a), 42, 43, 44(b), 44(c), 46, 56, 58, 59, 62, 67, 70, 74, 78, 87, 112, 114, 116(a), 118, 130(b), 133, 136, 142, 144, 153, 154, 155(b), 156(c), 157(c), 158(5)(b), 161(b), 162(c), 163(c), 164(5)(b), 167(b), 170(2)(ch), 170(5)(b), 175(b)

Total:

47 Standards or sub-clauses.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that these be discussed and reconsidered and a new decision be made regarding formally accepting them or going ahead with a formal challenge.