

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

13 OCTOBER 2010

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update Members on the activities of the Standards Committee in 2009/10.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Members note the detail of the report.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 Attached for Members consideration is the Annual Report of the Standards Committee for the year 2009/10 (Appendix A). In line with Standards for England best practice it is proposed that this is now reported to Full Council annually.

3.2 As Members may be aware a review of the future of conduct arrangements is currently underway by the new government, although currently no detailed information is available. Primary legislation will be required in order to change the current arrangements and this could be announced as part of the Localism Bill. It is unlikely however that legislative changes will be in place until some time next year at the earliest. In the meantime the Committee will continue to follow the requirements of the existing legislation.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Corporate Governance of the Council is important in terms of its reputation and in the maintenance of high standards of conduct.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no specific financial implications.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 There are no specific legal issues.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 There are no specific legal issues.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 The work of the Standards Committee should be compliant with the Council's equalities policy and equalities legislation. There are no specific risks associated with this report.

9.0 **RISKS**

9.1 There are no risks identified.

10.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE**

No specific climate change implications.

11.0 **CONSULTATION**

11.1 The Head of Legal Services has been consulted on this report.

12.0 **WARDS AFFECTED**

12.1 All wards are affected.

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Appendices :	Appendix A
Background Papers:	N/A
Reference :	X : Committees/Council/2010-11/131010