

REPORT FOR DECISION

Agenda Item	
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MEETING: STANDARDS COMMITTEE
DATE: THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2005
SUBJECT: WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2005/2006
REPORT FROM: MONITORING OFFICER
CONTACT OFFICER: DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

TYPE OF DECISION: COMMITTEE

REPORT STATUS: OPEN

PURPOSE/SUMMARY: To provide a progress report on the Committee's Work Programme for 2005/2006 and to ask Members to consider how they wish to proceed on outstanding issues.

OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDED OPTION (with reasons): The Committee is asked to note the report and to put forward their views on how to proceed on outstanding issues..

IMPLICATIONS -

Financial Implications and Risk Considerations

There are no such implications arising from this report

Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:

Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes ✓ No

Are there any legal implications? Yes No ✓

Considered by Monitoring Officer: Yes ✓

Statement by Director of Finance and E-Government: N/A

Staffing/ICT/Property: N/A

Wards Affected: N/A

Scrutiny Interest:

N/A

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR: LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Chief Executive/ Management Board	Executive Member/ Chair	Ward Members	Partners
YES	NO	NO	NO
Scrutiny Panel	Executive	Committee	Council
NO	NO	YES	NO

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 At its last meeting on 2 June 2005, the Committee established the following work programme for 2005/2006.

- Review of Member Training on the Ethical Framework
- Local Government Ombudsman – Annual Report
- Corporate Complaints Procedure - This is currently the subject of review by a working group set up by the Performance Management Scrutiny Panel.
- Review of Members Declaration of Interest Register
- Review of Code of Conduct
- Review of Planning Protocol
- Code of Conduct – Self Assessment Survey.
- Standards Bulletins – To provide the Committee with an opportunity to see the draft before it is issued to all members.
- Review of Whistle blowing Policy

1.2 Progress on some of those issues is set out below:

Member Training

The Monitoring Officer will report further to the recent training sessions held.

Local Government Ombudsman – Annual Report

This is the subject of a separate item on the agenda.

Corporate Complaints Procedure

The Working Group set up by the former Performance Management Scrutiny Panel has now gathered evidence from complaints officers and those at the sharp end of the procedure. It now wishes to gather information from the public and a questionnaire has been compiled for this purpose.

Review of Code of Conduct

The attention of Members is drawn to a report on the agenda regarding the Annual Standards Conference.

Standards Bulletins

Members have been asked to agree that the report on the Annual Standards Conference form the basis of the next Member Bulletin.

CONCLUSION

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the progress and updates so far and consider how outstanding matters should be dealt with.

List of Background Papers: Report of the Monitoring Officer entitled "Introduction to the Work of the Standards Committee", considered by the Standards Committee on 2 June 2005.

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