

THE ROLE OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Standards Committee - 18 October 2017

Report of Monitoring Officer

Status For consideration

Key Decision No

Executive Summary: This report sets out in brief the role of the Standards Committee.

This report supports the Key Aim of effective management of Council resources.

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Recommendation to the Standards Committee: That the report be noted.

Reason for recommendation: The report is for information.

Introduction and Background

- 1 The Standards Committee in its current format was introduced on 24 July 2012 as a consequence of the Localism Act 2011. The same legislative provisions led to the appointment of an Independent Person, the first of whom was introduced on 16 October 2012. This report is intended simply to remind Members of the role and responsibilities of the Committee.

Constitutional Provisions

- 2 The provisions relating to the Standards Committee are set out in Part 3 to the Constitution, appended to this report.
- 3 As Members will see, the Committee is charged with carrying out the Standards functions set out in the Localism Act 2011. A list of those functions is set out in the Constitution.
- 4 The Committee thus has an important and wide role in promoting adherence to the Code of Conduct, good governance and good Member Conduct. As necessary it is responsible for appointing sub-committees to deal with Code of Conduct Complaints. It may also grant dispensations, subject to provisos, pursuant to section 33(2) of the Localism Act 2011.

- 5 The Committee also receives the Monitoring Officer's annual report which includes a summary of the District Council's ethical governance arrangements. Members are reminded of the role of the Committee.

Key Implications

Financial

None.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

None.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Conclusions

The provisions of Part 3 of the Constitution (appended) are brought to the attention of the Committee for noting.

Appendices Constitution - Part 3 - Standards Committee

Background Papers None.

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