

## Agenda Item 6

# **Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee**

## 8 September 2017

## Committee on Standards in Public Life Annual Report for 2016-17

## 1. Summary Statement

1.1 Within its terms of reference, the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee has a duty to promote high ethical standards amongst Members. As well as complying with legislation and guidance, the Committee will need to demonstrate learning from issues arising from local investigations and case law. Furthermore it is advisable for the Committee to be kept informed of any issues arising out of the Annual Report from the Committee on Standards in Public Life as they may also add to learning at the local level.

#### 2. Recommendation

2.1 Members are requested to consider and comment on the Annual Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life at Appendix 1.

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## 3. Strategic Resource Implications

3.1 There are no resource implications arising from this report.

## 4. Legal and Statutory Implications

4.1 By noting the work of the Committee on Standards in Public Life members will be better informed to discharge their duty to promote high ethical standards.

## 5. Implications for the Council's Scorecard Priorities

5.1 High standards of conduct are an essential part of good corporate governance and this in turn has a direct relationship with the delivery of high quality services.

## 6. **Background Details**

6.1 On 10 July 2017, the Committee on Standards in Public Life published its annual report for 2016-17.

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