

## Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

28 September 2018

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee Work Programme 2018-19</b>
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### DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee:

Approve the work programme for 2018/19 which will be kept under review during the year by the Monitoring Officer and the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee.

#### 1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 A draft work programme for 2018/2019 is attached at Appendix 1 for the Committee's consideration. The programme covers the areas that are within the remit of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee under its current terms of reference.
- 1.2 In addition Sub-Committees of the Standards Committee will deal with any case work.

## **2 IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION**

- 2.1 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. A planned work programme will help the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee in promoting high ethical standards.

## **3 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no resource implications arising from this report.

## **4 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 Whilst there is no longer a statutory requirement to establish a Standards Committee, there is a need to promote high ethical standards so the Council has agreed to continue with an Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee as part of its arrangements to deal with standards.

**Surjit Tour**  
**Director – Monitoring Officer**

**Standards Committee Work Programme  
2018/19**

**7 December 2018**

Member Code of Conduct – Annual Review  
Members Gifts and Hospitality Register –  
Annual Review  
Allegations Update  
National cases for information  
Register of Members’ Interests – Annual  
Review  
Committee on Standards in Public Life –  
Annual Report

**8 March 2019**

Allegations Update  
Annual Report of the Standards Committee  
Review of Casework  
National cases for information