


Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

28 June 2019

Subject:	Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee Work Programme 2019-20
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee:

Approve the work programme for 2019/20 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 2019/2020 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 of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer

Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee Work Programme 2019/20

- 28 June 2019**
- Appointment of Sub-Committees, Standards Working Group and Member Development Working Group
 - Allegations Update
 - National Cases for information
 - Work Programme 2019/20
- 6 September 2019**
- Personal Safety of Elected Members
 - Member Development Programme Update
 - Standards Working Group Update/Review of Member Code of Conduct/Arrangements
 - Committee on Standards in Public Life – Annual Report
 - Allegations Update
 - National Cases for information
- 6 December 2019**
- Member Code of Conduct – Annual Review
 - Members Gifts and Hospitality Register – Annual Review
 - Register of Members’ Interests – Annual Review
 - Allegations Update
 - National cases for information
- 6 March 2020**
- Annual Report of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee
 - Review of Casework/Allegations Update
 - National cases for information