


Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

13 August 2020

Subject:	Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee Work Programme 2020-21
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee:

Approve the work programme for 2020-21 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 2020-21 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 2020-21

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- LGA Draft Code of Conduct
- Committee on Standards in Public Life – Best Practice
- Allegations Update (Standing Item)
- Gifts and Hospitality (Standing Item)
- National Cases for information (Standing Item)
- Member Development Update
- Work Programme 2020/21

25 September 2020

- Member Development Update
 - o Member ICT – remote meetings update
 - o Member Portal/enquiry workflow – update
 - o Member Development Programme update
- Review of Member Code of Conduct/Arrangements - Update
- Committee on Standards in Public Life – Annual Report
- Allegations Update
- Gifts and Hospitality
- National Cases for information

4 December 2020

- Review - Appointment to Sub Committees/Standards Working Group
- Review – Personal Safety for Elected Members
- Review of Member Code of Conduct/Arrangements – Update
- Member Development - Update
- Register of Members’ Interests – Annual Review
- Allegations Update
- Gifts and Hospitality
- National cases for information

5 March 2021

- Annual Report of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee
- Review of Member Code of Conduct/Arrangements - Update
- Member Development Update
- Review of Casework/Allegations Update
- Gifts and Hospitality
- National cases for information