

Report to Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

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Subject:	Work Programme for the 2022/23 Municipal Year
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1 Recommendations




- 1.1 That the Committee reviews the latest work programme and consideration be given to the suggested changes to the work programme as identified.
- 1.2 That approval be given to the Social Media training provider with training sessions proposed in November.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 A revised work programme for 2022/2023 is attached at Appendix 1 for the Committee's consideration. The work programme is kept under review through the year and updated at each meeting.
- 2.2 Sub-Committees of the Ethical Standards Committee will deal with any case work.



3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

		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.
		
		

4 Context and Key Issues

The work programme will be reviewed at each meeting.

4.1 Social Media

Training for Social Media for Elected Members has been sourced and, subject to approval, will be provided in November/December 2022. Media Mosaic have been identified as the training provider and a competitive rate has been negotiated for 3 sessions.

4.2 Review of Composition of Committee

It is recommended that this item be deferred to the March meeting so that the review can be part of the work around the committee structure/terms of reference as part of the whole governance review.

4.3 Lobbying

It is proposed that this item is removed from the work programme and included in the member development programme, as a key part of training for licensing and planning committee members.

4.4 Independent Persons Review

At its meeting on 19 October 2022, the Ethical Standards Working Group considered the review of the recruitment of Independent Persons and tasked officers to undertake further research/investigation.



A further report will be submitted to the Working Group setting out recommendations for the Committee at a future meeting. It is recommended this item has been moved to the next meeting of Committee.

5 Alternative Options

5.1 There are no alternative options. The matters outlined in the work programme fall within the remit of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee.

6 Implications

Resources:	There are no resources arising directly from this report.
Legal and Governance:	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.
Risk:	There are no risks arising directly from this report.
Equality:	
Health and Wellbeing:	
Social Value	
Climate Change	

7. Appendices

Latest work programme for the 2022-23 municipal year

8. Background Papers

None

