

Report to Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

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Subject:	Work Programme for the 2023/24 Municipal Year
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1 Recommendations







That the Committee approves the work programme for 2023/24 which will be kept under review during the year by the Monitoring Officer and the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 A draft work programme for 2023/2024 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.



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. All outstanding issues from the last municipal year have been carried through.

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	

7. Appendices

Draft work programme for the 2023-24 municipal year



8. Background Papers

None

