

# Report to Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

**7 November 2023**

<b>Subject:</b>	Work Programme for the 2023/24 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.

## 2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 A revised work programme for 2023/2024 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 Networking Opportunities with Neighbouring Authorities

It is recommended that this item be deferred to the meeting scheduled for 5 December 2023.

#### 4.2 Review – Personal Safety for Elected Members

It is recommended that this item be deferred to the meeting scheduled for 5 December 2023.

#### 4.3 Duty to Promote High Standards of Conduct

It is recommended that this item be deferred to the meeting scheduled for 5 December 2023.

#### 4.4 Member Portal Update

It is recommended that this item be deferred to the meeting scheduled for 5 December 2023.

### 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

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

## 7. Appendices

Latest work programme for the 2023-24 municipal year

## 8. Background Papers

None

