

Report to Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

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Subject:	Work Programme for the 2021/22 Municipal Year
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1 Recommendations

That the Committee notes the work programme for 2021/22 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 The work programme for 2021/2022 is attached at Appendix 1. The programme covers the areas that are within the remit of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee under its current terms of reference and will be submitted to each meeting of the Committee to keep under review.
- 1.2 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

Following the comprehensive work undertaken by the Committee during the 2020-21 municipal year, involving the review of the Member Code of Conduct, Arrangements for Dealing with Complaints under the Code and related policies, outstanding matters have been built into the programme for this municipal year.

Since the last meeting of the Committee, the Ethical Standards Working Group met to consider recruitment of Independent Persons (a report appears elsewhere on the agenda) and DBS checks for elected members (this matter will be reported to the next meeting).

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:	
Equality:	
Health and Wellbeing:	
Social Value	There are no risks arising directly from this report.

7. Appendices

Work programme for the 2021-22 municipal year

8. Background Papers

None

