

Bolsover District Council

Customer Service & Transformation Scrutiny Committee

25th March 2019

Review of Standards Committee – Operational Review – Executive Response

Report of the Chair of Customer Service & Transformation Scrutiny Committee

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To present Executive's Response to the Review of Standards Committee – Operational Review to Customer Service & Transformation Scrutiny Committee.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 The Customer Service and Transformation Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake a Review of Standards Committee – Operational Review, as part of the 2018/19 work plan following consideration of a range of topics suggested at the Annual Scrutiny Conference.
- 1.2 The aims of the review were:
- To consider the BDC response to the consultation by the Committee on Standards in Public Life review and suggest areas for review;
 - To examine a range of concerns raised by Standards Committee.
- 1.3 The Committee submitted seven recommendations which will hopefully assist the Council in improving existing approaches to Member training and engagement on Standards.
- 1.4 This report acknowledges Executive's response to the Review recommendations and advises Committee to commence a period of Post-Scrutiny Monitoring to ensure effective implementation of the approved recommendations.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 Members are required to make their report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(3) of the Constitution.
- 2.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(2) of the Constitution.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 All Scrutiny Committees are committed to equality and diversity in undertaking their statutory responsibilities and ensure equalities are considered as part of all Reviews. The selection criteria when submitting a topic, specifically asks members to identify where the topic suggested affects particular population groups or geographies.
- 3.2 The Council has a statutory duty under s.149 Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity and to eliminate discrimination.
- 3.3 A key consideration has been that both Parish and District Councillors have equal access to the same information and training.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(2) of the Constitution and as such the report cannot be rejected.
- 4.2 That Members note Executive's response to the review recommendations and agree to review progress on the approved recommendations. A progress report will be submitted in twelve months' time, with any exceptions to expected delivery highlighted.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

- 5.1.1 None from this report.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

- 5.2.1 In carrying out scrutiny reviews the Council is exercising its scrutiny powers as laid out in s.21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent legislation which added to/amended these powers e.g. the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

- 5.3.1 None directly from this report.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That Members note Executive's Response to the Review of Standards Committee – Operational Review.
- 6.2 That Members make its report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(3) of the Constitution.
- 6.3 That Officers monitor progress on the recommendations and report in twelve months' time highlighting exceptions to delivery.

7 Decision Information

<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: <i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Capital - £150,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Capital - £250,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
<p>Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed</p>	Yes
<p>District Wards Affected</p>	N/A
<p>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</p>	<p>Aim: Transforming Our Organisation</p> <p>Priority: Demonstrating good governance</p>

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
1.	Review of Standards Committee – Operational Review – Action Plan
<p>Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)</p>	
<p>All documents related to the Review of Standards Committee – Operational Review Please contact Scrutiny & Elections Officer where further information is required.</p>	
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