

STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2010/11

ITEM	MILESTONES	DATES OF MEETINGS	COMMENTS	STATUS
1. Annual report to Council by Chairman of Standards Committee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	The Chairman presented the Annual Return sent to Standards for England to the June Council meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Done
2. Introduction of new code of conduct.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	This is expected after the General Election. There is no further news on this. November 2010 – following the coalition Government’s announcements concerning the demise of the standards regime, it is not expected that there will be a new code. This should be withdrawn.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request withdrawal
3. Introduction of system for obtaining feedback on the management of complaints.			November 2010 – following the coalition Government’s announcements concerning the demise of the standards regime, it is considered necessary to complete this. This should be withdrawn.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request withdrawal
4. Review of training needs – District and Parish Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Councillors Parish Councillors Monitoring of attendance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> progress reports at each meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is being arranged for June/July. 8 District Cllrs have not yet attended and will be pursued. It is proposed that this year no further training is given to Parish and Town Councillors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing
5. Code of Conduct induction training for both District and Parish/Town Councillors following May 2011 elections.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Councillors Parish Councillors Monitoring of attendance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> progress reports at each meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Member Development Working Group (MDWG) is currently putting this together. It includes a session on the first day on the ethical framework. Members are requested to say what contribution they wish to make to this. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing
6. Annual Reports -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year end number of complaints against District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27/4/2011 	The figures are available in the regular report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet started

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> and Parish Councillors received by the Standards Board • Gifts and hospitality Registers • RIPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27/4/2011 • 27/4/2011. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • . • . 	
7. Liaison meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of Chairman with District Council's CEO • Meeting of Chairman with each of the 3 political parties' Leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27/4/2011 • 4/11/2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This meeting is due in April 2011. • These have been completed and are to be reported to this meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not yet started • DONE
8. Planning probity work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be determined in 2009/2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will consult the Development Control Manager as to when he thinks this will be carried out. November 2010 – Do members consider that this should be pursued with the Development Control Manager? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not yet started
9. Review of guidance to members involved with the Planning process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be determined in 2009/2010 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will consult the Development Control Manager as to when he thinks this will be carried out. November 2010 – Do members consider that this should be pursued with the Development Control Manager? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not yet started
10. Review of Constitution			<p>Members to decide what aspects of the Constitution they wish to be reviewed in addition to the ones transferred from the Standards Committee 2009/2010 Work plan. Members should also be aware that there are proposals for</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing

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			change from the new Government. Details are awaited. November 2010 – it is expected that the Government will do away with the rigid statutory requirements for the Constitution. However this still leads requirements for some parts of the Constitution including:- the Delegation Scheme, Contracts Standing Orders, Financial regulations, Council Procedure Rules. We await how the Government intends to deal with this.	
	Contracts Standing orders	• 8/3/2011.	• Work is continuing.	• Ongoing
	Financial Regulations review	• .	• The Director of Resources is reviewing Financial Regulations	• Ongoing
	Review of member Job Descriptions	• 8/3/2011.	• Executive members have asked that the full set be provided, including those for Scrutiny members following the introduction of the new Scrutiny arrangements. November 2010 – drafting of additional JDs for Scrutiny Councillors is nearly complete. They will then be going back to Cabinet and MDWG before coming here.	• Ongoing
	Delegation Scheme NEW	• 11/1/2011	• November 2010 – The draft delegation for member of SMT is to go to Cabinet before coming to this Committee in January. The rest of the delegation Scheme is being amended – part has been presented today.	• Ongoing
11. Introduction of new statutory rules on Petitions into the Constitution.	•	• 3 rd August 2010.	• This is on this agenda	• Done

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12. Development of the Annual Standards Committee work plan for 2011 to 2010	•	•	•	• Not yet started
13. Partnership Governance arrangements and the ethical framework?	• Scoping report	•	•	• Ongoing
14. Monitoring Officer Protocol with the Parish and Town Councils	•	•	• Members are requested to approve withdrawal in view of Government changes	• Request withdrawal
15. Consideration of further publicity required for the Standards Committee and to publicise the work of the Standards Committee.	•	•	• Members are requested to approve withdrawal in view of Government changes	• Request withdrawal
16. Annual consideration of publicity requirements for the Local Assessment of complaints against members procedures	•	•	• Members are requested to approve withdrawal in view of Government changes	• Request withdrawal
17. Review of Constitution User Guide	•	• 3/8/2010	• The Head of Democratic Services is to present this at the first meeting in the new corporate year. It was considered at the meeting on 3/8/2010.	• DONE

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