

STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2011/12

ITEM	MILESTONES	DATES OF MEETINGS	COMMENTS	STATUS
1. Annual report to Council by Chairman of Standards Committee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24th April 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggested date Suggest that this is done at the first Council meeting in June. It is likely that there will be a report to Council in respect of the ethical framework changes following the Localism Act 2011. 	Not yet Started
2. 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"> District Cllrs – the induction has taken place. Parish Cllrs – needs reviewing at 21st February 2012 meeting when Localism Bill has been enacted. April 2011 - this will need including within the proposals for the new ethical framework. Suggest that it is suspended till then. 	Ongoing
3. Annual Reports -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year end number of complaints against District and Parish Councillors received by the Standards Board Gifts and hospitality Registers RIPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20/6/2011 20/6/2011 20/6/2011. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considered at a previous meeting Considered at a previous meeting Considered at a previous meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Done Done Done
4. Liaison meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting of Chairman with District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24th April 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is also suggested that this is put on hold pending the changes under the Localism Act 2011. 	Not yet started

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	Council's CEO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting of Chairman with each of the 3 political parties' Leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th January 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is suggested that this is put on hold and the meeting takes place as part of the consultation on the new code under the Localism Act 2011. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet started
5. Review of guidance to members involved with the Planning process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be determined in 2011/12 depending on the progress of the Localism Bill. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21st December 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 2011 – suggest this is suspended until the new ethical framework is in place. In the meantime, the changes to predetermination contained in the Localism Act 2011 are being discussed with Planning with a view to advising members as soon as possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet started
6. Review of Constitution			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is dependent on the Localism Act 2011. Changes will be required to the Constitution, but these have yet to be determined. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet started
	Contracts Standing orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20/6/2011. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 2011 – these were approved by Council on 20th July and so are now in place and being acted upon. 	Done
	Financial Regulations review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20/6/2011 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I've asked the Director of Resources to update me on when this will be available. August 2011 – the Director of Resources has confirmed that these will be presented to the next meeting on 26th October 2011. January 2012 – considered at this meeting. Council to consider these on 15th February 2012. 	Done
	Delegation Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is dependent upon the Strategic Alliance and progress with arrangements. August 2011 – an updated version is now on the web. This simply takes into account changes of title and changes to departmental structure. The scheme will need a re write following the Strategic Alliance 	Suspended

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			<p>changes. This will need to be done in parallel with NEDDC, our Strategic Alliance partner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 2011 – following the recent appointments of Assistant Directors this can now be taken up. 	
7. Development of the Annual Standards Committee work plan for 2012 to 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27/4/11. • 21/2/2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is dependent on the Council's decision following the enactment of the Localism Bill. • January 2012 – this will be considered as part of the Council's consideration of the Localism Act 2011. • April – suggest this is suspended until the new ethical framework is in place. 	Not yet started
8. Partnership Governance arrangements and the ethical framework?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request this is suspended until the requirements of the Localism Bill are known. 	Suspended
9. Review of Constitution User Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is dependent on the changes to be made by the Localism Bill. 	Suspended

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