

Title of Report : STANDARDS COMMITTEE – DRAFT WORK
PROGRAMME 2008/09

Report of : Head of Legal and Democratic Services

To : Standards Committee

Date : Friday 6th June 2008

Item No :

Purpose of report : To suggest a work programme to be pursued through the Standards Committee's ordinary meetings in 2008/09

Recommendation(s) : The Committee is RECOMMENDED to comment upon and agree a work programme for 2008/09 as set out in the Annex to this report.

Key decision : NO

Portfolio Holder : Not applicable

Scrutiny Responsibility : Not applicable

Ward(s) affected : ALL

Report Approved by : Legal : Jeremy Thomas
Finance: Andy Collett

Policy Framework : N/A

1. I thought it would be helpful to the Committee for a work programme to be produced that addresses systemically matters for which the Committee is responsible. The draft work programme is annexed to this report. The programme allocates matters for which the Committee is responsible to the Committee's four ordinary meetings in the 2008/09 Council Year. Extra meetings may need to be called (e.g. to deal with local hearings matters) and those meetings will deal only with such matters and not with work programme matters.
2. The Committee is being recommended to comment upon and agree a work programme for 2008/09 as set out in the Annex to this report.

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Background Papers: None

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Meeting	Work Programme
6 th June 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Register of Interests form completion by new City and Parish Councillors – report• Code of Conduct training for new City and Parish members – report• Complaints monitoring – October 2007 – March 2008• Annual Audit Letter – to consider anything relevant
5 th September 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Register of Councillors' interests – monitoring report• Training - monitoring report• Planning Code of Practice – monitoring and review• IT Code of Practice – monitoring and /review• Relationship between Standards/Audit/Scrutiny• Comment on Code revisions if published by the Government
5 th December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Register of Councillors' interests – monitoring report• Training – monitoring report• Whistle Blowing Policy – monitoring and review• Councillor/Officer Relations Code – monitoring and review• Report back on the 2008 Standards Board for England Annual Assembly• Comment on Code revisions if published by the Government• Members' Code of Conduct – monitoring and review• Review of local hearings arrangements, locally and nationally.• Complaints monitoring – April – September 2008
6 th March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Register of Councillors' interests – monitoring report• Training - monitoring report• Annual Report – draft• Comment on Code revisions if published by the Government• Role of Standards Committee - review