

Council

Standards Committee Annual Report 2009/10

19 July 2010

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services / Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report presents the Standards Committee Annual Report 2009/10, which was approved by the Standards Committee on 8 July 2010.

This report is public

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- (1) To note the contents of the Standards Committee Annual Report 2009/10.
- (2) To delegate to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services authority to update the Standards Committee Annual Report 2009/10 in light of any announcements about the Standards Board regime by the Government prior to the publication of the Annual Report.

Executive Summary

Introduction

- 1.1 The Standards Committee Annual Report 2009/10 is attached (Appendix 1). The Annual Report contains information relating to the work of the Standards Committee in monitoring the ethical framework.
- 1.2 The Standards Committee considered and approved the Annual Report 2009/10 at its meeting on 8 July 2010.
- 1.3 Once the content of the report is noted, it will be formatted into the corporate style for distribution. The Standards Committee agreed the publicity arrangements for the Annual Report: there will be a press release, it will be published on the Council's website and it will be emailed to every Parish Council.

Key Issues for Consideration/Reasons for Decision and Options

3.1 The Standards Committee has an important role in seeking to ensure high standards of behaviour amongst Councillors in the District. It is important for their role to be understood by the public. This annual report is part of that engagement process.

The following options have been identified. The approach in the recommendations is believed to be the best way forward

Option One To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

Option Two To amend the recommendations.

Implications

Financial: The cost of printing and distributing the Annual Report will be met from existing budgets.

Comments checked by Denise Westlake, Service Accountant, 01295 221982

Legal: There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Comments checked by Liz Howlett, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, 01295 221686

Risk Management: There are no risk implications arising from this report.

Comments checked by Rosemary Watts, Risk Management & Insurance Officer 01295 221566

Wards Affected

All

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Standards Committee Annual Report 2009/10
Background Papers	
None	
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