

Standards Committee

Draft Standards Annual Report 2009/10

8 July 2010

Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services / Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report presents the draft Standards Annual Report for 2009/10 for Members' consideration.

This report is public

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- (1) To approve the Annual Report 2009/10.
- (2) To approve the publicity arrangements for the Annual Report 2009/10 as set out in the report.
- (3) To recommend to Council that the Annual Report for 2009/10 from the Standards Committee be approved.
- (4) 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

- 1.1 The suggested content of the Annual Report is attached (Appendix 1). Once the content of the report is approved it will be formatted into the corporate style for distribution. A final draft of the report will be circulated to all Member of the Committee before it is published.
- 1.2 The Annual Report contains information relating to the work of the Standards Committee in monitoring the ethical framework.
- 1.3 Members are asked to confirm whether they are happy with the publicity arrangements undertaken for previous reports, namely, publication on the

Council's website and a hard copy sent 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 this role to be understood by the public. This annual report is part of this 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 |
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| Appendix 1 | Draft Annual Standards Report 2009/10 |
| Background Papers | |
| None | |
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