

Meeting of:	Standards Committee
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, 21 March 2019
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	No Relevant Scrutiny Committee
Report Title:	Standards Committee - Forward Work Programme
Purpose of Report:	To present to Members the Forward Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2019/20
Report Owner:	Mrs. Karen Bowen, Principal Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer
Responsible Officer:	Ms. Debbie Marles, Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	This report does not require consultation to be undertaken
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for decision by the Standards Committee
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Standards Committee agreed to establish a Forward Work Programme for the Committee in March 2018 and attached to the report at Appendix 1 is the suggested Forward Work Programme for the Municipal year 2019/20 for Committee's consideration. 	

Recommendation

1. That Members note the Forward Work Programme attached at Appendix 1 to this report and make any amendments or additions as required.

Reason for Recommendation

1. To discuss and agree a Forward Work Programme.

1. Background

1.1 The role and function of the Standards Committee is

- (a) To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Councillors, Co-Opted Members and church and parent governor representatives of the Council;
- (b) To assist Councillors, Co-Opted Members and church and parent governor representatives of the Council to observe the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (c) To advise the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (d) To monitor the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (e) To advise, train or arrange to train Councillors, Co-Opted Members and church and parent governor representatives of this Council on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (f) To grant dispensations to Councillors, Co-Opted Members and church and parent governor representatives of this Council from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct.
- (g) To deal with any reports from a case tribunal or interim case tribunal, and any report from the Monitoring Officer on any matter referred to that Officer by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales; and
- (h) To exercise (a) to (g) above in relation to the Community Councils wholly or mainly in its area and the Members of those Community Councils.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 Attached at Appendix 1 to the report is a suggested Forward Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2019/20 for the Committee's consideration and approval.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1 As detailed in paragraph 1.1 of this report.

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

4.1 There are no financial implications as a direct consequence of this report.

Employment

4.2 There are no employment implications as a direct consequence of this report.

Legal (Including Equalities)

4.3 The Council has a duty to establish and maintain a Standards Committee as defined by legislation as set out in the Standards Committees Rules and Regulations 2001 and the Standards Committee (Wales) Amendment Regulations 2006.

5. Background Papers

None.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE**FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/20**

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16 th May, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispensation Applications (if any) • Feedback Report following observations of Council / Cabinet / Committee meetings • Independent Standards Committee Members - observations at Town and Community Council Committee meetings • Independent Review of Community and Town Councils Update (if any) • Correspondence with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
11 th July, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispensation Applications (if any) • Feedback Report following observations of Council / Cabinet / Committee meetings • Feedback report following observations at Town and Community Council Committee meetings • Exploring Joint Standards Committee options • Independent Review of Community and Town Councils Update (if any) • Correspondence with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
19 th September, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispensation Applications (if any) • Feedback Report following observations of Council / Cabinet / Committee meetings • Feedback report following observations at Town and Community Council Committee meetings • Report in respect of a potential South and East Wales Standards Forum • Independent Review of Community and Town Councils Update (if any) • Correspondence with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
21 st November, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispensation Applications (if any) • Feedback Report following observations of Council / Cabinet / Committee meetings • Feedback report following observations at Town and Community Council Committee meetings • Independent Review of Community and Town Councils Update (if any) • Correspondence with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

23 rd January, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispensation Applications (if any) • Feedback Report following observations of Council / Cabinet / Committee meetings • Feedback report following observations at Town and Community Council Committee meetings • Independent Review of Community and Town Councils Update (if any) • Correspondence with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
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