

# Report

## Standards Committee

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### Part 1

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Item No: 6

**Subject** **Standards Committee Annual Report 2018/2019**

**Purpose** To submit a draft of the Standards Committee Annual Report 18/19 for comment and approval

**Author** Head of Law and Regulation

**Ward** General

**Summary** Standards Committee present an Annual Report to the Council which provides information about the work carried out by the Committee during the past 12 months, identifies particular issues that have arisen and sets out the forward work programme for the forthcoming year.

A draft of the Annual Report for 18/19 is attached for comment and approval prior to its presentation to the next meeting of full council on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

**Proposal** To comment and approve the Annual Report for presentation to full Council on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Action by** Head of Law and Regulation

**Timetable** Immediate

## **Background**

1. Standards Committee present an Annual Report to the Council, which provides information about the work carried out by the Committee during the past 12 months, identifies particular issues that have arisen and sets out the forward work programme for the forthcoming year.
2. A draft of the Annual Report for 18/19 is attached for comment and approval prior to its presentation to the next meeting of full Council on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
3. The training requirements of the community councils and their compliance arrangements will continue to be monitored and reviewed as part of the Committee's forward work programme. The need for any refresher training for City Councillors will be reviewed in the light of responses to the Ethical Standards questionnaire.
4. The Report highlights the fact that there were no formal findings of misconduct against any local Councillors during the past 12 months. Three complaints have been made to the Ombudsman but none have been accepted for investigation. No complaints were made about local community councillors. Two complaints were successfully resolved under the Local Resolution Protocol.
5. The Annual Report also contains a draft forward work programme for the forthcoming 12 months.

## **Financial Summary**

6. There are no financial implications.

## **Options Available**

9. To note the Report;

## **Comments of Chief Financial Officer**

10. There are no financial implications.

## **Comments of Monitoring Officer**

11. Included in the Report.

## **Staffing Implications: Comments of Head of People and Business Change**

12. There are no staffing or policy implications.

Dated: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019