



Audit and Standards Committee Report

Report of: Gillian Duckworth, Director Legal & Governance

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Subject: Standards Report 2015-2017

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Summary:

The report highlights the activities of the Committee and provides details of the outcome of the Standards complaints received from June 2015 through to December 2017.

Recommendations:

That the Committee:-

- (a) Comments on the Annual Report; and
 - (b) Approves the report for submission to Full Council in February 2017.
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Background Papers: None

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial Implications
NO Cleared by:
Legal Implications
NO Cleared by:
Equality of Opportunity Implications
NO Cleared by:
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications
NO
Human rights Implications
NO:
Environmental and Sustainability implications
NO
Economic impact
NO
Community safety implications
NO
Human resources implications
NO
Property implications
NO
Area(s) affected
NONE
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
NO
Press release
NO

Standards Report 2015-2017

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This is the first Standards Annual Report of the merged Audit and Standards Committee and covers the period from June 2015 to December 2017.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Changes to the Standards regime were introduced in July 2012 following the Localism Act 2011. Although it was no longer a statutory requirement to have a Standards Committee, Full Council approved the retention of a Committee to deal with complaints and adopted a new Members' Code of Conduct and a Procedure for Dealing with Standards Complaints.

3.0 MAIN BODY OF THE REPORT

Including Legal, Financial and all other relevant implications (if any)

- 3.1 The Standards responsibilities of the merged Audit and Standards Committee include monitoring the Council's complaints process, training, learning and development, and advising the Council on the adoption and revision of relevant policies and Corporate issues.
- 3.2 As such, the attached report covers these areas in detail, summarising Standards activities from June 2015 to December 2017.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That the Committee comments on the attached report; and approves the report for submission to Full Council in February 2017.

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