

Subject:	Standards Committee – Annual Report 2011/12	Status:	For Publication
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Report of:	Head of Legal and Democratic Services	Portfolio Holder:	Customers, Legal and Licensing
Key Decision:	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Impact Assessment:	Required:	No	Attached: No
Biodiversity Impact Assessment	Required:	No	Attached: No
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1.	RECOMMENDATION(S)
1.1	That the content of the report and the work of the Standards Committee during 2011/12 is noted.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To provide Members with a brief overview of the work carried out by the Standards Committee during the 2011/12 municipal year. The report is attached at Appendix 1.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 The matters discussed in this report impacts directly on the following corporate priority:

- **Responsive and value for money local services** – responding to and meeting the different needs of customers and improving the cost effectiveness of services.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

5.1 The Annual Report informs Council of the work undertaken by the Standards Committee throughout the municipal year in relation to the role of the committee. The main role of the Standards Committee is to:

- Promote and maintain high standards of conduct.
- Advise the Council on the adoption or revision of its Code of Conduct.
- To monitor and advise the Council about the operation of its Code of Conduct in light of best practice, changes in the law and guidance from the Standards Board.
- To enable all members of the Council/Town Council to have access to training actively promoted in all aspects of the relevant Code of Conduct, and to ensure that members are aware of the standards expected of them under the Code.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

6. SECTION 151 OFFICER

6.1 There are no material financial implications.

7. MONITORING OFFICER

7.1 There are no specific legal implications.

8. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

8.1 There are no human resource implications.

9. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

9.1 Chair of the Standards Committee

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 The Standards Committee plays an important role in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct within the Council.