



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

27 NOVEMBER 2020

STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to review the Committee's Work Programme and agree items for consideration by the Standards Committee during the Municipal Year 2020-2021.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Subject to any amendments Committee Members' may have it is recommended the Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2020-2021, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be adopted.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Standards Committee's Terms of Reference, as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report, set out the remit of the Committee to monitor, review and advise on matters relating to the Ethical code; Members Code of Conduct and associated matters of governance and probity.
- 3.2 To enable the Committee to fulfil its role an annual work programme is developed. The Committee is asked to give consideration to standard monitoring reports and any issues arising from the Committee's work in promoting high standards of conduct. The views of this Committee assist in the development of an ongoing work plan.
- 3.3 Attached at Appendix 2 to the report is a draft Work Programme for the Committee for the Municipal Year 2020-2021.
- 3.4 As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the Committee's previously scheduled meeting in April of this year was cancelled. Where appropriate it is proposed reports that were aligned to that meeting be realigned into this Municipal Year's Work Programme.
- 3.5 The draft Work Programme reflects ongoing priorities and standard reports and the frequency of reporting. The Committee is invited to review the draft Work Programme taking into account available resources, and add or remove items as necessary.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report however the Committee is reminded of its statutory role contained in the extract from the Local Government Act 2000 set out below which should be considered alongside its terms of reference when setting the Work Programme:

54 Functions of standards committees

(1) The general functions of a standards committee of a relevant authority are--

(a) promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by the members and co-opted members of the authority, and

(b) assisting members and co-opted members of the authority to observe the authority's code of conduct.

(2) Without prejudice to its general functions, a standards committee of a relevant

authority has the following specific functions—

(a) advising the authority on the adoption or revision of a code of conduct,

(b) monitoring the operation of the authority's code of conduct, and

(c) advising, training or arranging to train members and co-opted members of the authority on matters relating to the authority's code of conduct.

- 4.2 The Committee has the same statutory functions in relation to Community and Town Councils (and Community and Town Councillors) as it has in relation to this Council and its Councillors (pursuant to section 56(1) of the Local Government Act 2000).

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 There are no consultation implications arising from this report.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

7. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no consultation implications arising from this report subject to the agreed Work Programme being delivered within existing financial resources.

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AS AMENDED BY
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985
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Background Papers: Freestanding matter

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