

Audit and Standards Committee - 10th December, 2013

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Annual Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life 2012/13

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the annual report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life 2012/13.

Background

2. A copy of the Annual Report is attached at Appendix 1. The Committee on Standards in Public Life is chaired by Lord Bew.
3. The remit of the Committee is wide-ranging but broadly it covers standards of conduct of all holders of public office whether elected or appointed.
4. The work of the Committee over the past year has focussed on an overview of actions and a standards check, set out at paragraphs 29 onwards. Of particular interest, as part of the standards check, are the comments on Local Government Standards arising from the introduction of the new standards regime under the Localism Act 2011 (paragraphs 38-40).

Finance

5. There are no particular financial implications arising from this report.

Law

6. Section III of the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of its statutory functions.

Equality Impact

7. There are no equality impact implications arising from this report.

Recommendation

- 8 It is recommended that the Committee note the Annual Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life as set out in Appendix1.



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List of Background Papers

None.