

Standards Committee - 12th April 2010

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Annual Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life 2008/2009

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the annual report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life 2008/2009.

Background

2. A copy of the Annual Report is attached at Appendix 1. The Committee on Standards in Public Life is chaired by Sir Christopher Kelly.
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. Of particular interest to local government in this annual report are the references to Electoral Registration; Local Leadership; Standards Framework for Local Governance; Freedom of Information and Whistleblowing.
5. The work of the Committee over the past year has been dominated by the inquiry into MPs' expenses.

Finance

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

Law

7. 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

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

Recommendation

9. It is recommended that the Committee discuss and note the Annual Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life.



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List of Background Papers

None.