

Audit and Standards Committee - 9th December, 2014

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Annual Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life 2013/14

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the annual report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life 2013/14.

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 activities and a standards check, commencing at pages 6 and 14 of the report respectively. Of particular interest, as part of the overview of activities, are the overviews in respect of Ethical Standards for providers of public services, a matter recently considered by this committee in respect of a Suppliers Code of Practice, and ethics in practice. The standards check looked at the behaviour and conduct of the police, Local Government standards, involving the operation of the new Members Code of Conduct regime and the electoral system.

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.