

**Report of** City Solicitor

**Report to** Council

**Date:** 23 March 2016

**Subject:** Annual Report from the Standards and Conduct Committee

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| Are specific electoral Wards affected?<br>If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-In?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?<br>If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:<br>Appendix number: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

## 1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The report and attachments at Addendum 1 have been referred to full Council by the Standards and Conduct Committee for consideration in order for full Council to receive assurances as to how the authority's duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct (by Members and co-opted Members of the Council) is being discharged.

## 2 Main issues

- 2.1 In reviewing the matters set out in the report, the Standards and Conduct Committee gave particular consideration to the circumstances that might arise where a complaint concerning Disclosable Pecuniary Interests would be considered by the West Yorkshire Police.
- 2.2 The committee emphasised the importance of Members keeping their register of interests up to date, and concluded that Members should be provided with a reminder, on a quarterly basis, to review the content of their Register of Interests.

2.3 Having considered the report the committee resolved:

- To receive and note the assurances provided in respect of the Council's arrangements for Standards and Conduct;
- To refer the annual report on Standards and Conduct to full Council for consideration;
- That no amendments, to either the Members' Code of Conduct or the procedures for considering complaints, are required at this time; and
- That a reminder be sent to all Members to check their register of interests on a three monthly basis.

### **3 Recommendations**

3.1 Council is asked to receive and consider the Annual Report from the Standards and Conduct Committee at Addendum 1 and the assurances set out.

### **4 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

4.1 None

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.