



Report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services

Standards Committee

Date: 21st December 2006

Subject: Standards Committee Work Programme 2006/07

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 To notify Members of the Committee of the draft work programme for the municipal year and to seek comments from the Committee regarding any additional items.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The work programme provides information about future items for the Standards Committee agenda, when reports will be presented to the Committee and who the responsible officer is.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 The work programme for the year 2006/7 is attached at Appendix A.

3.2 Members of the Committee should note that consideration of the New Model Members' Code of Conduct has been added to the work programme under the list of unscheduled items.

3.3 It is anticipated that the consideration, adoption, and training arrangements regarding the new Code will constitute a large proportion of the Committee's work for the remainder of the 2006/07 municipal year and the 2007/08 municipal year.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

4.1 There are no implications for Council policy.

4.2 By ensuring the codes and protocols of the Constitution are reviewed and fit for purpose, the Standards Committee is supporting the Council's governance arrangements.

5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

5.1 There are no legal and resource implications.

6.0 Conclusions

6.1 The work programme is attached at Appendix A for the Committee's information.

6.2 The work programme contains information about future agenda items for the Committee.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 Members of the Committee are asked to note the draft work programme and advise officers of any items they wish to add.