

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME 1st October 2009

Report of the Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To enable the Committee to consider progress with the current work programme.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the report be noted

1.0 Introduction

1.1 A work programme for the forthcoming year was approved by the Committee in January 2009, and is updated at each meeting.

2.0 Proposal Details

2.1 The current work programme is attached to this report, and the progress made has been added in the final column.

2.2 Members will note that at the time of writing this report the government has still not issued any further consultation on or information about the proposed revised Code of Conduct. The latest information from Standards For England (formerly the Standards Board) is that a revised Code is expected to be ready in the late autumn. Members will also note that the proposed internal ethical governance survey is due to take place this autumn, and it is hoped that it will be possible to report the results to the January meeting.

2.3 The work programme is a living document and can be updated as and when required. The Monitoring Officer has added a review of the Protocol on Member/ Officer Relations to take place in January 2010. This is as a recommendation from an internal audit review of ethical governance.

3.0 Details of Consultation

3.1 There has been no consultation.

4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

- 4.1 The report is for noting, although it is open to the Committee to make amendments to the work programme.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None arising from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None directly arising from this report.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None directly arising from this report.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The report has been prepared by the Monitoring Officer in her capacity as adviser to the Standards Committee.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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