

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2009

| NO | ACTION | MEETING DATE | PROGRESS |
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| 1. | Consider any further government consultation on proposed revised Code of Conduct | 9th April 2009 (or special meeting to coincide with consultation) | At the time of writing this report, no further consultation had been issued. |
| 2. | Consider revised Code of Conduct and arrangements for implementation | 9th April 2009 or June 2009, or special meeting depending on timing | At the time of writing this report, no further information is available about the proposed revised Code of Conduct. |
| 3. | Consider training requirements on new Code of Conduct for city and parish councillors | June 2009 or special meeting depending on timing | No progress with revised Code of Conduct. Training session for Morecambe Town Council held on 3rd September 2009. All other parish councils invited, and one councillor from Halton attended. |
| 4. | Receive information about number of Code of Conduct complaints received and action taken | April and September 2009 | Reported in April 2009 and report on this agenda |
| 5. | Annual review of registration of interests | June 2009 | Reported June 2009. One response still awaited at the time of writing this report. |
| 6. | Consider Protocol for dealing with press inquiries about Code of Conduct complaints | April 2009 | Approved April 2009 |
| 7. | Review complaint form and information for complainants | 22nd January 2009 and June 2009 | Minor amendments to the complaint form were approved on the 22nd January 2009. Further reviewed June 2009 |
| 8. | Review local assessment criteria, pre-hearing, hearing and investigation procedures | June 2009 | Reviewed June 2009, and report on this agenda |
| 9. | Review procedure for considering allegations of breach of Protocols | June 2009 | Considered June 2009 |
| 10. | Receive report on previous Annual Assembly and consider future attendance | January 2009 and annually | Committee on the 22nd January 2009 decided not to send a member delegate to the 2009 Assembly |

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| 11. | Consider any consultation on new Regulations relating to Joint Committees and Dispensations and/or contents of new Regulations | As required | Reported June 2009. Report on Guidance on Dispensations on this agenda |
| 12.. | Dealing with requests for dispensations | As and when required | |
| 13. | Dealing with Code of Conduct complaints | Sub-Committees as and when required | |
| 14. | Review Whistleblowing Policy and its operation | January 2009 and annually | Revised policy approved January 2009 |
| 15. | Review Planning Protocol | September 2009 | Report on this agenda |
| 16. | Review result of ethical governance survey | January 2010 | Survey of officers and members to be undertaken by Internal Audit in conjunction with the Monitoring Officer during autumn 2009. |
| 17. | Review of Member/Officer Relations Protocol | January 2010 | |