

Meeting of: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date: 16TH JUNE 2005

Report of: CORPORATE DIRECTOR (CENTRAL SERVICES)

Reference: RCM/JEB

Title: THE GOOD GOVERNANCE STANDARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICES

PUBLIC/EXEMPT ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To seek the Committee's view if it wishes officers to research the implication of adopting the Good Governance Standard for Public Services.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee request officers to research the full implications of implementing the Good Governance Standards for Public Services.

REPORT

In order to promote good governance within all public service organisations, an Independent Commission has produced a Good Guidance Standard that local authorities are being recommended to adopt.

The Standard has been developed as a guide to help everyone concerned with the governance of public service not only to understand and apply common principles but also to assess the strengths and weaknesses of current practice and to make improvements.

The Standard is designed to supplement existing statutory and best practice codes and protocols. Where codes and guidance do not already exist, it is hoped that the Standard will provide assistance and direction. It is not however a statutory code but a guide to assist in public governance.

Attached, as an appendix is a set of questions that authorities are asked to consider in assessing their compliance with the Standard.

The Committee is therefore requested to consider if it wishes officers to research compliance with the questions and to report back to a future meeting of the Committee.

It should be noted that the Standard is not only concerned with good standards of behaviour and conduct, but concerns itself with the wider issues of corporate governance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

MONITORING OFFICER COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has prepared this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.