

# Annual Report and Work Programme

Standards Committee

Date: 14 July 2008

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**Wards Affected:** All

## **Purpose**

- To ask the Committee to agree its Annual Report for 2007/08 and Work Programme for 2008/09.

## **Recommendation**

- That the Committee considers and agrees its Annual Report for 2007/08 and forwards it to Full Council for information.
- That the Committee considers and agrees its Work Programme for 2008/09.

## **1. Reasons**

- 1.1 To agree the review of the year and a work programme for the coming year.

## **2. Detail**

### *Standards Committee Annual Report*

- 2.1 The Standards Committee each year prepares an Annual Report summarising the work of the Committee and highlighting the various aspects of the Ethical Framework considered by the Committee. This is presented at Full Council, in order to inform Members of the role played by the Committee in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct, involve all Members in the work of the Committee, and continue to raise the profile of the ethical framework for Members.
- 2.2 The draft of the Annual Report for 2007/08 is attached at Appendix '1'. The Committee is asked to consider if this accurately reflects its work for the year, and to make any amendments. The Chair of the Standards Committee will add a foreword to the Report. Once agreed the Report will be presented to the next Full Council meeting.

### *Work Programme*

- 2.3 An outline work programme for the Committee for 2008/2009 is attached at Appendix '2' for discussion and approval.

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## Alternative Options

- It is good practice to make an Annual report on the work of the Committee, and to agree a work programme for the ensuing year, but this is a matter for the Committee to determine.

## Risk Management

### *Financial and Procurement Implications*

- None

### *Legal / Human Rights Implications*

- None

### *Links to Corporate Plans and Policies (in particular to Swindon 2010 Promises)*

- Monitoring of issues of probity in the Council underpins the Council's plans and policies and to the delivery of the 2010 objectives.

## Consultees

- The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.
- Chief Executive
- Group Director, Business Transformation
- Head of Internal Audit

## Background Papers and Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Draft Annual Report 2007/08
- Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2008/09