

# Standards Committee Annual Report

**Standards Committee**

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014**

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

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## **1. Purpose and Reasons**

- 1.1 To ask the Committee to agree its Annual Report for 2013/14.

## **2. Recommendations**

The Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider and, subject to any amendments that might be agreed by the Committee, to accept its Annual Report for the period June 2013 – May 2014.
- 2.2 Decide whether a summary of Code of Conduct complaints received during the municipal year should be made to each future meeting of the Standards Committee as part of the ethical framework report.

## **3. Detail**

- 3.1 The Standards Committee has each year prepared an Annual Report summarising the work its work for the previous year.
- 3.2 The draft of the Annual Report for 2013/14 is attached at Appendix '1'. The Committee is asked to consider this draft and, subject to any amendments members might agree, to accept it as an accurate reflection of the work carried out by the Standards Committee.
- 3.3 The Committee's particular attention is drawn to the summary of Code of Conduct complaints dealt with over the course of the year. Members might recall that, during the course of its review of the Council's current arrangements for handling complaints, a suggestion was made that the Monitoring Officer prepare for each meeting of the Standards Committee a summary table of Code of Conduct complaints received during the year which can also be publically available and the Committee's views on this are requested.

## **4. Alternative Options**

- 4.1 It is good practice to make an Annual report on the work of the Committee, but this is a matter for the Committee to determine.

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## 5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

### Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial or procurement implications of this report.

### Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 There are no specific legal or human rights implications of this report.

### All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 There are no other implications that have been identified as important for this report.

### Links to One Swindon, Plans and Policies

- 5.4 Monitoring of issues of probity in the Council underpins the Council's plans and policies and the delivery of One Swindon objectives.

### Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.5 A Diversity Impact Assessment has not been completed for this report, as it does not recommend a change in Council policy or service.

### Risk Management

- 5.6 A risk assessment has not been completed in relation this report, as it does as it does not recommend a change in Council policy or service.

## 6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

## 7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None

## 8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 – Draft Standards Annual Report for the period June 2013 to May 2014

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