

Meeting of:	Standards Committee
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, 25 March 2021
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	No Relevant Scrutiny Committee
Report Title:	Standards Committee - Forward Work Programme
Purpose of Report:	To present to Members the Forward Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2021/22
Report Owner:	Ms. Debbie Marles, Monitoring Officer/ Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Responsible Officer:	Mrs. Karen Bowen, Principal Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	This report does not require consultation to be undertaken
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for decision by the Standards Committee
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Standards Committee agreed to establish a Forward Work Programme for the Committee in March 2018 and attached to the report at Appendix 1 is the suggested Forward Work Programme for the Municipal year 2021/22 for Committee's consideration. 	

Recommendation

1. That Members note the Forward Work Programme attached at Appendix 1 to this report and make any amendments or additions as required.

Reason for Recommendation

1. To discuss and agree a Forward Work Programme.

1. Background

1.1 The role and function of the Standards Committee is

- (a) To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Councillors, Co-Opted Members and church and parent governor representatives of the Council;
- (b) To assist Councillors, Co-Opted Members and church and parent governor representatives of the Council to observe the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (c) To advise the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (d) To monitor the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (e) To advise, train or arrange to train Councillors, Co-Opted Members and church and parent governor representatives of this Council on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct;
- (f) To grant dispensations to Councillors, Co-Opted Members and church and parent governor representatives of this Council from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct.
- (g) To deal with any reports from a case tribunal or interim case tribunal, and any report from the Monitoring Officer on any matter referred to that Officer by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales; and
- (h) To exercise (a) to (g) above in relation to the Community Councils wholly or mainly in its area and the Members of those Community Councils.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1** Attached at Appendix 1 to the report is a suggested Forward Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2021/22 for the Committee's consideration and approval.
- 2.2** Standards Committee Members are reminded that the Council's Annual Meeting is scheduled to take place on 10th May, 2021 and the appointment of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Standards Committee will be dealt with at the first meeting of the Standards Committee following the Annual Meeting.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

3.1 As detailed in paragraph 1.1 of this report.

4. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

4.1 There are no financial implications as a direct consequence of this report.

Employment

4.2 There are no employment implications as a direct consequence of this report.

Legal (Including Equalities)

4.3 The Council has a duty to establish and maintain a Standards Committee as defined by legislation as set out in the Standards Committees Rules and Regulations 2001 and the Standards Committee (Wales) Amendment Regulations 2006.

5. Background Papers

None.

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25 March, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispensation Applications (if any) • Feedback report following observations at Town and Community Council Committee meetings • Correspondence with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales • Standards Committee - Forward Work Programme 2021/22 • Adjudication Panel for Wales Annual Report 2019/20 • Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Report 2019/20
27 May, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispensation Applications (if any) • Feedback report following observations at Town and Community Council Committee meetings • Correspondence with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales • Update report of Clerks meetings with Monitoring Officer
15 July, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispensation Applications (if any) • Feedback report following observations at Town and Community Council Committee meetings • Correspondence with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales • Standards Conference (Wales) programme details 2021if known • Progress Update report re Action Plan in relation to Sections 62, 63 and 64 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 following receipt of the regulations, if received.
9 September, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispensation Applications (if any) • Feedback report following observations at Town and Community Council Committee meetings • Correspondence with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales • Adjudication Panel for Wales Annual Report 20120/21 * • Public Services Ombudsman for Wales Annual Report 2020/21 * • Update regarding Senedd Order relating to electoral arrangements for the Vale of Glamorgan Council * <p>*These reports will be presented to Committee following their receipt, when available.</p>

25 November, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispensation Applications (if any) • Feedback report following observations at Town and Community Council Committee meetings • Correspondence with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales • Update Report following the Standards Conference (Wales) 2021
27 January, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispensation Applications (if any) • Feedback report following observations at Town and Community Council Committee meetings • Correspondence with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales • Update report of Clerks meetings with Monitoring Officer • Vale of Glamorgan Elected Member Induction Programme 2022 following Local Government Elections May 2022.* <p>*This may come earlier to Committee when available.</p>
24 March, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispensation Applications (if any) • Feedback report following observations at Town and Community Council Committee meetings • Correspondence with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales • Standards Committee Forward Work Programme • Update report of Monitoring Officer's meetings with Clerk • Progress Update report re Action Plan in relation to Sections 62, 63 and 64 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 prior to implementation May 2022