

NAME OF COMMITTEE	Standards Committee
DATE	19 July 2013
REPORT TITLE	Annual Report of the Standards Committee 2012/13
REPORT OF	Monitoring Officer
WARDS AFFECTED	All

Summary of report:

To present the Annual Report to the Standards Committee with recommendations to Full Council to note.

Financial implications:

There are no financial implications for this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Standards Committee recommends that Council considers and notes the Standards Committee's Annual Report for the financial year 2012/13.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This is the first Annual Report of the Standards Committee since its appointment in July 2012. The Localism Act 2011 abolished in its entirety the previous standards regime (including the Code and the previous Standards Committee) and introduced new rules from 1 July 2012.

2. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2.1 The Annual Report for the part of financial year 1 April 2012 - 31 March 2013 (from the introduction of the new regime in July 2012) is attached at Appendix A and covers:

- Standards Committee membership
- The role and function of the Standards Committee and Hearing Panel
- Details of standards complaints received from 1 July 2012 to 31 March 2013
- Advice, policy and procedures
- Budget

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Constitution requires the Standards Committee to report annually to the Council on its workings.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications for this report.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 The Risk Management implications are shown at the end of this report in the Strategic Risks Template:

Opportunities	Benefits
To ensure that the Council and the public are aware of the role and works of the Standards Committee for 2012/13	To ensure that the Council complies with best practice
Issues/Obstacles/Threats	Control measures/mitigation
That the Council nor the public are aware of the Standards Committee's function and works	Compliance with the Constitution to ensure consistency and transparency

6. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate priorities engaged:	Towards Excellence Customer First
Statutory powers:	Localism Act 2011
Considerations of equality and human rights:	There are no equality considerations arising from this report
Biodiversity considerations:	There are no biodiversity considerations arising from this report
Sustainability considerations:	There are no sustainability considerations arising from this report
Crime and disorder implications:	There are no crime and disorder considerations arising from this report
Background papers:	None
Appendices attached:	Appendix A: Standards Committee Annual Report 2012- 2013