

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: Council

Date: 29th March 2010

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: STANDARDS COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10

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Chief Officer: Mark Bowen, Director of Legal, Democratic and Customer Services

Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The Council's Constitution requires that an annual report is made by the Standards Committee. The Committee has requested that its independent Chairman, Mr Jonathan Prince, be permitted to attend the Council meeting and present their report.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 **That the report of the Standards Committee be accepted.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy.
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No cost
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: N/A
 4. Total current budget for this head: £N/A
 5. Source of funding: N/A
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional):
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory requirement. The Standards Committee and the standards system are requirements of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended by subsequent legislation, most recently the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.
 2. Call-in: Call-in is not applicable. The report does not involve an executive decision.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All residents and visitors to the borough.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Standards Committee is responsible for promoting high standards of conduct by Councillors, hearing cases of complaint against Councillors and promoting and maintaining high standards of ethical governance within the Council. The Committee reports to full Council on its work at the end of each Council year.
- 3.2 As in previous years, the Committee has requested that its independent Chairman, Mr Jonathan Prince, be permitted to attend the Council meeting to present the Committee's report.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Standards Committee Annual Report 2008/09 (as submitted to Council on 27 th April 2010.)