

## Report of the Monitoring Officer

Special Standards Committee – 18 March 2014

### ANNUAL MEETINGS WITH POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

#### SUMMARY

<b>Purpose:</b>	To seek the views of the Political Group Leaders and Chief Executive in relation to the work of the Standards Committee and to ensure high standards of behaviour..
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	None
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To ensure high Standards of behaviour
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	The views of the Political Group Leaders be noted and used as a tool to improve the effectiveness of the Standards Committee

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 12 April 2013, it was suggested that an annual meeting should be held with Political Group Leaders both individually and then collectively in order to ensure high standards of behaviour.
- 1.2 It was resolved that Annual meetings with Political Group Leaders be scheduled into the work plan.
- 1.3 A report was submitted to the Standards Committee on 15 November 2013, and it was agreed that the Political Group Leaders and the Chief Executive be invited to future meetings.
- 1.4 A further report was submitted to the Standards Committee on 17 January 2014 seeking clarity regarding the actual framework and expected outcomes from these meetings. It was agreed that views be sought in respect of the issues listed in Appendix A.
- 1.5 Three Group Leaders have been invited to attend this meeting and future meetings will be arranged for the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to attend individually.

**Background Papers:-**

Reports to Standards Committee held on 12 April 2013, 15 November 2013 and 17 January 2014

**Appendices:-**

Appendix A – Areas in respect of which views of Group Leaders will be sought