



Report of the Monitoring Officer

Standards Committee – 24 June 2022

Standards Committee Work Plan

Purpose:	To consider the Committee's Work Plan and agree the items for consideration by the Standards Committee in 2022/23.
Policy Framework:	Standards Committee Terms of Reference – Council Constitution.
Consultation:	Legal, Access to Services and Finance.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that the Standards Committee: 1) Approve the Work Plan attached at Appendix 1 for the 2022/23 municipal year.
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1. Background

- 1.1 The Standards Committee's Terms of Reference set out the remit of the Committee to monitor, review and advise on matters including the promotion of high standards of conduct by Councillors; Members Code of Conduct; the production of an annual report to Council describing how the Committee's functions have been discharged and monitoring compliance of the group leaders with their new duties under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. The terms of reference are attached at Appendix 2.
- 1.2 To enable the Committee to fulfil its role, an annual work plan has been developed to give consideration to fulfilling the terms of reference and to enable the Standards Committee to report to Council on their work during the course of the year in the Annual Report. The views of this Committee assist in the development of an ongoing work plan.

2. Integrated Impact Assessment

2.1 The Council is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage
- Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language
- Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
- Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

2.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'.

2.3 Our Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) process ensures we have paid due regard to the above. It also takes into account other key issues and priorities, such as poverty and social exclusion, community cohesion, carers, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Welsh language.

2.4 An IIA Screening Form has been completed with the agreed outcome that a full IIA report is not required as this report is to set the workplan for the committee for the forthcoming year and has no integrated impact implications.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications associated with the report.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Draft Work Plan 2022-2023

Appendix 2 – Terms of Reference of the Standards Committee