

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Standards Committee – 10 October 2014

ANNUAL MEETINGS WITH POLITICAL GROUP LEADERS CHIEF EXECUTIVE , CHAIRS OF REGULATORY COMMITTEES AND SCRUTINY PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Purpose:	To seek the views of the Political Group Leaders , Chief Executive and Chairs of Regulatory and Scrutiny Programme Committees in relation to the work of the Standards Committee and to ensure high standards of behaviour.
Policy Framework:	None
Reason for Decision:	To ensure high Standards of behaviour
Recommendation(s):	The views of the Political Group Leaders and Chairs 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 The Chief Executive and Group Leaders attended the Standards Committee on 18 March 2014 and 4 April 2014.

- 1.6 At the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 4 April 2014 it was agreed that views also be sought from the Chairs of Regulatory Committees and Scrutiny Committees.
- 1.7 The Chairs of Regulatory Committees attended the Standards Committee on 18 July 2014 .

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 will be sought.