

Joint Report of the Head of Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer

Standards Committee – 13 February 2015

TREATING PEOPLE WITH RESPECT

Purpose:	To consider how to tackle and co-ordinate the issue raised by a number of Political Group Leaders in relation to 'Treating People with Respect'.
Policy Framework:	None.
Reason for Decision:	To consider what work needs to be carried out with regard to the purpose outlined above.
Consultation:	Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that:
1)	The views of the Committee are sought.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 During the period 18 March and 10 October 2014, the Standards Committee held individual discussions with the Chief Executive, Political Group Leaders, Chairs of Regulatory Committees and the Chair of the Scrutiny Programme Committee.
- 1.2 A recurring theme emerged from these discussions in relation to 'Treating People with Respect'.
- 1.3 The Standards Committee on 9 January 2015 created and prioritised a workplan for 2015-2016. Work relating to 'Treating People with Respect' was one of the prioritised issues.

2. Treating People with Respect

- 2.1 Prior to commencing any work in this area, the Committee needs to consider what the issues are and what needs to be addressed. As such, it is proposed that the Committee conduct a scoping exercise in order to progress the issue.

3. Equality and Engagement Implications

- 3.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening process took place prior to the consultation period. The outcome indicated that it was low priority and a full report was not required.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 This will be met from within existing budget.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 These are set out in the Report.

Background Papers: None.

Appendices: None