

## Report of the Head of Democratic Services

Special Standards Committee – 22 January 2016

### Annual Meeting with Political Group Leaders, Chairs of Committees and Chief Executive

<b>Purpose:</b>	To seek the views of the Political Group Leaders, Chairs of Committees and the Chief Executive in relation to a number of set questions relating to the Standards Committee.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	None.
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To consider the responses to the questions and to implement any necessary changes that stem from them.
<b>Consultation:</b>	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that:
1)	The views of the Political Group Leaders, Chairs of Committees and the Chief Executive be noted and used to improve the effectiveness of the Standards Committee.
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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Standards Committee resolved to hold annual meetings with the Political Group Leaders, Chairs of Committees and the Chief Executive in order to seek their opinions on the work of the Standards Committee.
- 1.2 The Standards Committee stated that they wished to question the Chairs of the following Committees: Audit Committee, Democratic Services Committee, General Licensing Committee, Planning Committee and Scrutiny Programme Committee.
- 1.3 The Standards Committee agreed that views be sought in respect of the questions set out in **Appendix A**.
- 1.4 Three of the four Political Group Leaders were questioned at the meeting on 13 November 2015 and the others commenced on 4 December 2015.

**Background Papers:** None.

**Appendices:** Appendix A - Standards Committee Questions