

MEMBER CONDUCT COMMITTEE – 17TH JUNE 2019

Report of the Monitoring Officer

ITEM 7 WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of Report

To enable the Committee to consider, and agree any changes to, its work programme to assist it to plan its future business.

Recommendation

That the Committee considers any items that it wishes to add to, or amend in, its work programme for future meetings.

Reason

To enable the Committee to identify future items of business and enable planning for future meetings to be undertaken, for example preparing reports and arranging for the attendance of officers and/or others at meetings.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

At its meeting on 24th March 2014, the Committee resolved to introduce a work programme to manage the business to be conducted at its future meetings (minute 12 refers). The Committee has considered business at its subsequent meetings based on that programme.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions

It is recommended that the Committee reviews its work programme at every meeting. Future meetings of the Committee for 2019-20 have been agreed by full Council as follows:

9th September 2019
2nd December 2019
16th March 2019

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

None

Risk Management

No risks have been identified with this decision.

Background Papers: None

Appendix: Work Programme

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APPENDIX

Member Conduct Committee – Work Programme

ITEM	NOTES	DATE
Update on Complaints Received	An update on complaints received about breaches of the Code of Conduct and any issues arising from those complaints.	Standing item
Review of the Constitution	Consider details of possible amendments to the Constitution it may wish to recommend as part of the annual review process as suggested at its meeting on 12th September 2016.	2nd December 2019 <i>(last considered 3rd December 2018)</i>
Regular review of Members Code of Conduct and Planning Code	At its meeting on 7th December 2015 the Committee requested that the Chair and Vice-chair of the Plans Committee and the Head of Planning and Regeneration, are invited to attend the Member Conduct Committee on a regular basis, to review the relationship between the Planning Code and the Members' Code of Conduct.	2nd December 2019 <i>(last considered 3rd December 2019)</i>
Register of Members' Interests	Update regarding recent reminders and responses for register of members interests and to include more detailed information regarding Parish and Town Councillor responses.	2nd December 2019 <i>(last considered 18th March 2019)</i>
Results of the public consultation of the review of local government ethical standards by the Committee on Standards in Public Life	Feedback from the consultation by the Committee on Standards in Public Life's review of local government ethical standards when the report becomes available.	17 June 2019

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<p>Hearing Appeals Process (Constitution)</p>	<p>Review of the Member Conduct Panel Hearing Appeals process, as the Committee considered that when an appeal was submitted after a decision had been reached by a Member Conduct Panel it should only be considered valid if there had been a procedural failing in the original Panel Hearing or new evidence was provided. The current process where an appeal can be submitted in writing irrespective of the content of the appeal was potentially wasting officer and councillor time and that the Constitution in relation to the appeals process should be reviewed.</p>	<p>To be scheduled <i>(added 18th March 2019)</i></p>