

Committee: STANDARDS (ADVISORY) COMMITTEE	Date: 17 July 2012	Classification: UNRESTRICTED	Report No.	Agenda Item No. 6.3
Report Of: Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)		Title: Standards (Advisory) Committee – Work Programme		
Originating Officer: Isabella Freeman		Wards Affected: All		

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out a proposed work programme for the Standards (Advisory) Committee in the 2012/13 municipal year.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Committee consider the proposed work programme as set out in section 4 of this report and identify any amendments or additions to be made.
- 2.2 That subject to any amendments or additions agreed at 2.1 above, the Committee agree its work programme for the municipal year 2012/13 as set out in section 4 of the report.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED) SECTION 100D
LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

Brief description of "background paper"

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3. **BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Standards (Advisory) Committee replaced the statutory Standards Committee on 1 July 2012, following implementation of the Localism Act 2011. As with the former Standards Committee, a key role of the Advisory Committee is to promote high standards of ethical conduct by the Mayor, Members and officers. By putting in place a work programme for each municipal year the Committee will ensure that it is best placed to become an integral part of the work of the Council and can make a positive difference to ethical standards.

3.2 Section 4 below sets out a proposed work programme for 2012/13.

4. **PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2012/13**

4.1

ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION 2012/13	PROPOSED COMMITTEE
Membership, terms of reference and programme of meetings 2012/13	17 July 2012
New Standards arrangements	17 July 2012
Standards (Advisory) Committee work programme	17 July 2012
Recruitment of Independent Person	17 July 2012
Members' attendance and timesheets	17 July 2012 15 January 2013
Corporate governance review – assessment against CIPFA/SOLACE framework	9 October 2012
Anti-Fraud Outturn 2011/12	9 October 2012
National Fraud Initiative (NFI) – progress and new NFI	9 October 2012
Audit Commission Fraud Survey	9 October 2012
Corporate Complaints/Social	9 October 2012

Care Complaints – Annual Report 2011/12	
Covert investigations under RIPA 2000 – quarterly updates	9 October 2012 15 January 2013 16 April 2013
Monitoring implementation of the Ethical Governance Protocol for Council Contracts	April 2013
Corporate Complaints/Social Care Complaints – Half yearly report 2012/13	15 January 2013
Review of new Standards arrangements	15 January 2013
Update report on Code of Conduct/ethical standards training	15 January 2013
NFI Update	15 January 2013
Anti Fraud Plan	16 April 2013

5. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 5.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising out of this report.

6. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICE)

- 6.1 This report has been prepared by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) who is also the Council's Monitoring Officer and incorporates legal comments.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 A robust work programme will assist in ensuring that the Committee meets and discharges its functions.

8. ONE TOWER HAMLETS IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no specific anti poverty or equal opportunity implications arising out of this report.

9. SAGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 This report has no immediate implications for the Council's policy of strategic action for a greener environment.