

# NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

13 July 2018

### REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES – C.GRIFFITHS

#### Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All

#### Standards Committee Forward Work Plan

#### Purpose of the Report

1. To agree the Forward Work Plan for Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's ("the Council") Standards Committee.

#### Background

2. The Council's Democratic Services Sections now provides forward work programmes for each of the Council's decision making forums, whether it be full Council, Cabinet, Scrutiny Meetings or Committees.
3. It was felt important therefore for Members to have a potential forward work plan and for a discussion to be had at the Standards Committee meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018 what items they might wish to consider having reports prepared on for Standards Committee meetings for the coming year and what areas they wish the Standards Committee to give consideration to in line with the remit of the Standards Committee set out in the report to Standards Committee of the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018..
4. The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer has provided an indication of matters at this stage which will be reported to Members in the coming year, which are set out as follows

Standards Committee	Matters for Agenda
23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ombudsman Annual Report</li><li>• Code of Conduct Update</li><li>• Discussion of training regime</li></ul>

	<p>undertaken by County Borough Councillors and to identify areas of need that should be recommended to the Council's Democratic Services Section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of training regime that should be provided to Town and Community Councillors and Clerks on Code of Conduct issues</li> </ul>
29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Code of Conduct Update</li> <li>• Feedback on training regimes for County Borough Councillors and Town and Community Councillors</li> </ul>

### **Financial Impact**

5. There are no financial impacts associated with this Report.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

6. There are no equality impacts associated with this Report

### **Workforce Impacts**

7. There are no workforce impacts associated with this Report

### **Legal Impacts**

8. The Standards Committee is governed by the obligations set out in the Local Government Act 2000 and its composition and running is as set out in the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001.

### **Consultation**

9. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

### **Recommendations**

10. That Members agree a Forward Work Plan for the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Standards Committee and approve the items for discussion

set out in paragraph 4 of this report and any other items that they may wish to add to the Forward Work Plan.

### **Reason for Report**

11. That Members agree a Forward Work Plan to ensure that the Standards Committee adequately discharges its functions in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000

### **Appendices**

12. None

### **List of Background Papers**

13. The Constitution of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

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