

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Standards and Ethics Committee - 12 March 2026

Report Title

Standards and Ethics Committee – Work Plan

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

N/A

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

A report setting out a draft Work programme for the Standards and Ethics Committee for the period Jan 2026 to Nov 2026.

Recommendations

That the Committee:

- i) Consider and comment on the draft Work Plan
- ii) Adopt a finalised Work plan for the period Jan 2026 to Nov 2026

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 - Draft Work plan

Background Papers

None

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

None

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Standards and Ethics Committee – Work Plan

1. Background

- 1.1 A draft Work Plan for the period Jan 2026 to Nov 2026 is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 Adoption of a Work Plan will ensure that the Standards and Ethics Committee is able to focus on a range of issues throughout the year and provide transparency in relation to the work of the Committee.
- 1.3 As such members are requested to consider the draft Work Plan, suggest any amendments, make any proposals as to any of other issues which would be beneficial for the Standards and Ethics Committee to consider, and thereafter adopt a finalised Work Plan.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The key issues are set out above

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 Recommendations are set out above.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 N/A

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 The draft Work Plan covers the period Jan 2026 to Nov 2026

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

- 6.1 The officer time in dealing with these complaints is met within existing Legal Services resources.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

- 7.1 The Council and the Standards and Ethics Committee have a statutory duty to promote and maintain ethical standards. The work of the Standards and Ethics Committee as set out in the draft Work Plan contributes to this.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

None

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

None

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

None

11. Implications for Partners

None

12. Risks and Mitigation

None

13. Accountable Officer(s)

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