

ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Draft Standards and Ethics Committee Work Programme 2026**

<b>Report Title/Subject</b>	<b>Date of Meeting/Agreed Schedule</b>
Update - Strengthening the Standards Regime	January 2026
Review of the Sub-Committee Hearing Process	January 2026
Appt of Independent Member	January 2026
Whistleblowing Policy - Review	March 2026
Work Plan	March 2026
Annual Report	March 2026
Update – Debate not Hate Working Group	March 2026
Declarations of Interest - Parish Councillors	June 2026
Civility and Respect Pledge - Advice to Parish Councils	June 2026 - Then Every 6 Months
Review of the Code of Conduct	June 2026
Update - Strengthening the Standards Regime	Sept 2026
Report of the Debate not Hate Working Group	Sept 2026
Declarations of Interest - Borough Councillors	Sept 2026

Review of the Sub-Committee - Hearing Processes	Nov 2026
Review of Training and Guidance re Code of Conduct issues	Nov 2026

At each meeting there will be the regular Consideration of Complaints report received pursuant to the Standards and Ethics Complaints procedure, as well as the regular reports regarding Concerns raised pursuant to the Whistleblowing Procedure.

Further the above Work Plan is flexible to allow for other matters to be included on the agenda as they arise such as issues arising out of the Strengthening the Standards Regime consultation and Govt Response, the outcomes of any Sub-Committee hearings as well as other matters of relevance to the Committee.