

WORK PROGRAMME FOR STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2006/7

MEETING	ITEM	REPORT REQUIRED			
6 November 2006	Training for Members of Planning and Regulatory Functions Committee.	Report to detail the nature and extent of the training received.			
	Ensuring clearly defined roles for the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council in relation to the promotion and communication of high ethical standards and conduct.	Report to set out an agreed statement from the Chief Executive and Leader and a Protocol for inclusion in Constitution.			
	Officers' Code of Conduct and Register of Interests.	Progress report.			
	Members' Register of Interests on Website.	Progress report.			
	Standards Committee Communications Strategy.	Report presenting the amended Strategy for Members' consideration and also advising the referral of the Strategy to the Communications Unit for further consideration.			

12 January 2007	The development of a clear statement of the Council's stance in relation to standards of Conduct.	A report setting out a draft of the statement to be presented for the approval of the committee. Consider also how to increase public awareness of the Committee's work.			
	Standards Committee Communications Strategy	Further report to be presented to the Committee following consideration and guidance on the Strategy the Communications Unit			
	Training Plan	A report to be presented to the Committee setting out a training plan on ethical issues to encompass: 1) Training to officers and embers. 2) Training of the Standards Committee embers. 3) Engaging with the district authorities and partners on ethical standards training and the joint promotion of standards.			
	*Complaints and findings from the Standards Board and guidance on specific issues to be issued to officers and embers.	Regular report in relation to complaints relevant to North Yorkshire County Council, and recent findings and developments nationally.			

19 March 2007	Define the roles of the Standards Committee, the Monitoring Officer, Senior Members, and Senior Managers in relation to the ethical framework.	Report presenting to the Committee for approval draft role descriptions for the Committee, the Monitoring Officer, the Executive and senior managers, outlining their involvement and means of publicising and raising awareness of the ethical framework.			
	Review and update the content of material on ethical issues and procedures on the Intranet and Internet for the public, staff and embers.	A report advising embers of any changes required to the web site and intranet information.			
	Review Officer Induction Information	Report advising of revised information in relation to tandards and the registration of interests to be provided to employees during the induction process.			
4 June 2007	Review Member/Officer Protocol and the Guidance Protocol.	Report on review of the Officer and Member Protocol and of the Guidance Protocol and also upon means of raising awareness of the Protocols amongst officers and embers.			
	Produce user friendly statement of the Council's stance on ethical issues and rules of conduct to provide to contractors and other stakeholders.	Report producing a draft statement in relation to thical tandards			

1 October 2007	Review advice to officers and embers in relation to membership of Outside Bodies and potential conflicts.	Report on the review of advice provided to officers and embers on Outside Bodies.			
	Develop links between the Codes of Conduct for officers and Members and other policies and procedures of the Council including those in relation to FOI, Human Rights, and Equality.	Report to set out draft links to be incorporated in the Code and policies.			
12 November 2007	Review Member Induction Process in relation to ethical standards.. and the effectiveness and availability of existing guidance to officers and members in relation to ethical issues.	Report on the review of ember s induction on ethical issues, and guidance and information available to them and to officers.			
	Review the effectiveness of existing Member training and attendance.	Report following a review of ember training.			
