

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

3 March 2008

Standards Committee Work Programme 2008

0.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider the Committee's future Work Programme.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 At each of its meetings, the Standards Committee reviews its programme of work. The current Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1 and the Ethical Audit Action Plan is attached at Appendix 2, for ease of reference.

2.2 The Work Programme and Action Plan incorporate the core items which were required to meet the Audit Commission's Key Lines of Enquiry.

3.0 WORK PROGRAMME

3.1 At its last meeting, the Committee agreed its Work Programme for 2008. The Work Programme is prepared on a rolling 12 month basis.

3.2 Members also requested that the Work Programme highlight those areas of work which had been completed. After reviewing the completed items, they could then be removed from the Programme. Completed items for the Committee's last meeting have been indicated and will be removed for the next meeting of the Committee. The items to be reported back section has also been updated.

3.3 The entries for this meeting of the Committee have been amended in the following ways:

- a) to defer the item re Local filtering of complaints, as there have been no further developments since the Committee's last meeting. This area is mentioned briefly in the Complaints and Findings standing report.
- b) the item re Members' Attendance at Committees has been deferred to the Committee's June meeting to enable a full year's attendance figures to be provided to the Committee.

3.1 A similar process has been adopted in relation to the Ethical Audit Action Plan, in that completed items have been removed, leaving only those action points outstanding. A revised copy of the Action Plan is attached at Appendix 2 for Members' information. Many of the action points remaining are already covered in the forward Work Programme or Items to be reported back section. Updates on the remaining entries will be brought to subsequent meetings of the Committee.

3.2 Members are requested to consider the proposed Programme and whether they would wish to make any changes or include any other items.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That Members consider this report and review the Standards Committee's Work Programme.

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Background Documents:
None

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