

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

2 February 2009

**Work Programme 2009**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

0.1 To consider the Committee's future Work Programme.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

1.1 At its first meeting each year, the Standards Committee agrees a forward programme of work in relation to the ethical agenda, which is reviewed at each meeting of the Committee.

1.2 The Work Programme incorporates action points from the Authority's Ethical Audit Action Plan.

**3.0 WORK PROGRAMME**

2.1 A proposed Work Programme for 2009 is attached at Appendix 1 for Members' information and comments.

2.2 The item re the Complaints and Ethical Indicators Report has been deferred until later in the year. The last such report to the Standards Committee in March 2008 covered the period 1.4.07 - 19.2.08: in order to assist Officers in compiling the statistical information and to supply the Committee with details of a full year's statistics, the report has been listed for the May 2009 meeting.

2.3 Last autumn the Committee considered whether to add to its Work Programme the issue of looking into, from an ethical perspective, the Council's procedures regarding surveillance over employees under the relevant legislation and the way in which any information gained is held. The Committee felt that there may be some overlap with other parts of the Authority which may be looking at such matters and requested that the issue be discussed with the Corporate Director Finance and Central Services before the item was placed on the Committee's Work Programme. Discussions are taking place with the Director and an oral update will be given at the meeting.

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

**4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 That, subject to any comments they may have, Members agree the Standards Committee's Work Programme for 2009 attached at Appendix 1.

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Background Papers:

None

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