

WORK PROGRAMME FOR STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 2024/25

* standing items for each scheduled ordinary meeting of the Committee

MEETING	AGENDA ITEM	REPORT REQUIRED	PROGRESS
15 March 2024	* Local Ethical Framework Developments	Standing report by Monitoring Officer regarding latest developments in national ethical framework.	Report to be presented to meeting.
	* Complaints Update	Standing report by Monitoring Officer in relation to complaints received of a potential breach of the relevant Members' Code of Conduct by Members and voting co-opted Members of North Yorkshire Council and town and parish councils in North Yorkshire.	Report to be presented to meeting.
	Brief presentation to Committee re complaint handling by Deputy Monitoring Officer	Brief powerpoint presentation by Deputy Monitoring Officer to accompany the Complaints Update	Presentation to be made at meeting.
	* Standards Bulletin	Standing report by Monitoring Officer presenting draft Standards Bulletin for approval for circulation.	Report to be presented to meeting.
	Work Programme for 2024/25	Report by Monitoring Officer setting out suggested draft programme of work for 2024 for Members' consideration. If approved, a standing report re review of Work Programme set will be considered at each meeting.	Report to be presented to meeting.
	Protocol re relationship between code of conduct complaints and local authority grievance procedures	Report by Deputy Monitoring Officer presenting a draft Protocol for Members' consideration.	Report to be presented to meeting.
	Review of standards complaints process	Report by Monitoring Officer regarding a review of the standards complaint handling process and whether any amendments are required.	Report to be presented to meeting.
	Annual Report of the Standards and Governance Committee	Report by Monitoring Officer presenting a draft Annual Report for Members' consideration and approval.	Report to be presented to meeting.

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		To be presented to meeting of Council on 15 May 2024.	
	Feedback from Independent Persons regarding external standards training attended in February and March 2024	Oral report back from the Independent Persons who attended the external training.	Oral report back to be made at the meeting.
26 June 2024	* Local Ethical Framework Developments	Standing report by Monitoring Officer regarding latest developments in national ethical framework.	Report to be presented to meeting.
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	* Work Programme for 2024/25	If approved by the Committee on 15 March 2024, there will be a standing report by the Monitoring Officer to each scheduled ordinary meeting regarding the programme of work for 2024/25 for Members' review.	Report to be presented to meeting.
	Members' Attendance at Committees	Periodic report from Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny. The report should record the number of attendance of Councillors at meetings of the Council and its Committees for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.	Report to be presented to meeting.
	Standards Training Plan 2024/25	Consider standards training required for Members.	Report to be presented to meeting.
6 September 2024	* Local Ethical Framework Developments	Standing report by Monitoring Officer regarding latest developments in national ethical framework.	Report to be presented to meeting.

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	Review of standards documentation	Report by Monitoring Officer regarding whether any amendments are required to the standards documentation.	Report to be presented to meeting.
14 March 2025	* Local Ethical Framework Developments	Standing report by Monitoring Officer regarding latest developments in national ethical framework.	Report to be presented to meeting.
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	Annual Report of the Standards and Governance Committee 2024/25	Report by Monitoring Officer presenting a draft Annual Report for Members' consideration and approval. To be presented to meeting of full Council in May 2025.	Report to be presented to meeting.

Matters to note

- **Leader and Chief Executive Officer to periodically attend the Committee.**
- **Independent Persons' terms of office**
 - At its meeting on 19 July 2023, full Council agreed to extend, for four years, the terms of office of the predecessor authority NYCC's two Independent Persons for Standards, Hilary Gilbertson MBE and Louise Holroyd (whose terms of office automatically continued post Vesting Day); and further approved the appointments, for four years, of Gillian Baker, Roy Martin, James Nelson and Richinda Taylor as additional Independent Persons for Standards for North Yorkshire Council.
 - Full Council also delegated power to the Monitoring Officer to extend the Independent Persons' terms of office, in consultation with the Chair of the Standards and Governance Committee.
- **Protocol re Requests for Community Governance Reviews**
 - 15.9.23 – the Committee agreed the Protocol covering the period up to the scheduled May 2027 elections, setting out how the Council will respond to such requests. The Committee also granted authority to the Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Corporate Services, to determine if requests for Community Governance Reviews should be treated as urgent and brought forward to the Standards and Governance Committee to recommend approval of terms of reference to the Council.
- **Schedule of Election Fees for Elections and By-elections in North Yorkshire**
 - 13.12.23 - The Committee agreed that the fee Schedule be amended in line with amendments made to the national indicative fee schedule in future years.