

WORK PROGRAMME FOR STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 2025/26

* standing items for each scheduled ordinary meeting of the Committee

MEETING	AGENDA ITEM	REPORT REQUIRED	PROGRESS
14 March 2025 Chief Executive Officer attending meeting.	* 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.
	* Standards Bulletin	Standing report by Monitoring Officer presenting draft Standards Bulletin for approval for circulation.	Report to be presented to meeting.
	* Work Programme for 2025/26	Report by Monitoring Officer setting out suggested draft programme of work for 2025/2026 for Members' consideration.	Report to be presented to meeting.
	* Standards Training Plan 2025/26	Standing report by Monitoring Officer in relation to standards training required for Members.	Report to be presented to meeting.
	Annual Report of the Standards and Governance Committee 2024/25	Report by Monitoring Officer presenting a draft Annual Report for 2024/25 for Members' consideration and approval. To be presented to meeting of Council on 21 May 2025.	Report to be presented to meeting.
	Dispensation Request	Report by Monitoring Officer regarding dispensation request from Councillor Peacock.	Report to be presented to meeting.

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	Members' Attendance at Committees	<p>Periodic report from Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny.</p> <p>The report should record the number of attendance of Councillors at meetings of the Council and its Committees for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.</p>	Report to be presented to meeting.
17 September 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 2025/26	Report by Monitoring Officer presenting a draft Annual Report for Members' consideration and approval. To be presented to meeting of full Council in May 2026.	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 (resigned with effect from 31 December 2024), 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.