



**NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
STANDARDS COMMITTEE – WORK PLAN 2017/2018**

| Topic Area | Rationale | Responsibility | Anticipated Meeting Date (s) of Standards Committee |
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| <i>Work Plan 2017/2018 for the Standards Committee</i> | To approve the Work Plan 2017/2018 for the Standards Committee | Standards Working Group The Standards Committee | March 2017 |
| <i>Register of Interests and Gifts and Hospitality (Members and Officers)</i> | To consider and review the types of interests that Members and Officers are required to declare; the way such declarations are made and how they are monitored by the Standards Committee. | Standards Working Group The Standards Committee | June 2017 |
| <i>Code of Conduct and arrangements for investigating alleged breaches</i> | To review and update, as necessary, the Code of Conduct and Arrangements for investigating alleged breaches | Standards Working Group The Standards Committee | September 2017 |



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| <i>Organisational Ethics and Culture</i> | To receive an update on the Organisational Change Programme and to comment and input into that Programme into Ethical Conduct Matters. | Standards Working Group The Standards Committee | As appropriate |
| <i>Parish Councillors and Independent Members</i> | To approve the process for the recruitment of Parish Council Members and Independent Members of the Standards Committee Involvement in the recruitment process as required. To approve the appointment of Parish Councillors and Independent Members to the Standards Committee | The Standards Committee Standards Working Group The Standards Committee | March 2017 June 2017 |
| <i>Training Strategy</i> | To develop and approve the Training Strategy for all Members of the Council in relation to ethical and governance matters and to include specific training for Members of the Standards Committee. | The Standards Committee Standards Working Group | March 2017 |



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| <i>Communications Strategy</i> | To develop and approve a Communications Strategy to promote the work of the Standards Committee and the importance of ethical governance. | Standards Working Group The Standards Committee | September 2017 |
| <i>Whistleblowing Policy</i> | To input into the refresh of the Council's Whistleblowing Policy and Procedure and its implementation. | The Standards Committee Standards Working Group | March 2017 |
| <i>CIPFA International Framework: Good Governance in the Public Sector</i> | The Committee to receive briefings on the CIPFA International Framework: Good Governance in the Public Sector in so far as it relates to the work of the Standards Committee. | The Standards Committee | As required |



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| <i>Ethical and Governance Matters Training</i> | To receive a briefing on training that has taken place for all Members on ethical and governance matters | The Standards Committee | March 2018 |
| <i>Annual Report of the Standards Committee</i> | To receive the Annual Report of the Standards Committee 2017/2018 to include update about delivery of the Work Plan and monitoring data | The Standards Committee | March 2018 |
| <i>Work Plan 2018/2019 for the Standards Committee</i> | To approve the Work Plan 2018/2019 for the Standards Committee | Standards Working Group The Standards Committee | March 2018 |

NB: The approval of a Work Plan for the Standards Committee will not affect the responsibility or discretion of the Committee during the year, as the Committee can, at subsequent meetings, agree to update the Work Plan, if it is necessary to do so.