

## NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL STANDARDS COMMITTEE – WORK PLAN 2019/2020

| Topic Area  DRAFT   | Rationale  | Responsibility          | Anticipated Meeting Date (s) of Standards Committee        |
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| Work Plan 2019/2020<br>for the Standards<br>Committee               | To approve the Work Plan 2019/2020 for the Standards Committee   | The Standards Committee | June 2019  |
| Register Gifts and<br>Hospitality (Members<br>and Officers)         | To receive details regarding the declarations of gifts and hospitality of Members and Officers during 2018/2019  | The Standards Committee | September 2019   |
| Code of Conduct and arrangements for investigating alleged breaches | To receive details of complaints received in respect of alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct of Northampton Borough Council and of Parish Councils within the Borough | The Standards Committee | June 2019<br>September 2019<br>December 2019<br>March 2020 |



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| Training Strategy - Ethical and Governance Matter | To review the Standards Committee's Training Strategy for all Members of the Council in relation to ethical and governance matters and specific training for Members of the Standards Committee. | The Standards Committee | December 2019                |
| Communications<br>Strategy                        | To review the Standards Committee's Communications Strategy that promotes the work of the Standards Committee and the importance of ethical governance.  | The Standards Committee | December 2019                |
| Whistleblowing Policy                             | To review the effectiveness of the Council's Whistleblowing Policy and Procedure and its implementation.   | The Standards Committee | December 2019                |



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| CIPFA International<br>Framework: Good<br>Governance in the<br>Public Sector | 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                  |
| Internal Audit Report:<br>Member-Officer<br>Relationship Review              | The Committee to receive a briefing on the Internal Audit Report: Member-Officer Relationship Review  | The Standards Committee | March 2020                   |
| Annual Report of the Standards Committee                                     | To receive the Annual Report of the Standards Committee 2019/2020 to include update about delivery of the Work Plan and monitoring data                                       | The Standards Committee | March 2020                   |
| Work Plan 2020/2021 for the Standards Committee                              | To approve the Work Plan 2020/2021 for the Standards Committee  | The Standards Committee | March 2020                   |

**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.