



## STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Work Plan 2017/2018 for the Standards Committee</b>
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**AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC**

<b>Committee Meeting Date:</b>	20 March 2017
<b>Policy Document:</b>	No
<b>Directorate:</b>	Borough Secretary and Monitoring Officer

### 1. Purpose

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- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to present the draft 2017/2018 Standards Committee Work Plan to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

### 2. Recommendations

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- 2.1 To approve the draft 2017/2018 Standards Committee Work Plan at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 To ask the Working Group, *Work Plan* to commence work in accordance with their Terms of Reference on the items identified on the Work Plan at Appendix 1 as requiring Working Group input and bring such items to the Standards Committee for consideration and decision as required.

### 3. Issues and Choices

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#### 3.1 Report Background and Issues

- 3.1.1 At its meeting held on 19 December 2016, the Standards Committee set up a Working Group to put together a draft Work Plan for the Standards Committee for 2017/2018. The Working Group consists of Councillors Patel, Oldham, Smith and B Markham. The establishment of a Work Plan will ensure that the Committee can meet all of its responsibilities and obligations during the year. It is seen as good practice for the Standards Committee to produce an annual Work Plan.

- 3.1.2 The Standards Working Group, at its meeting on 19 January 2017 considered the draft 2017/2018 Work Plan for the Standards Committee that includes a number of issues and priorities for the Committee to address over the course of the year. The Working Group provided comment and suggestions on the draft 2017/2018 Work Plan and agreed that the draft at Appendix 1 would be presented to the Standards Committee at its meeting on 20 March 2017 for approval.
- 3.1.3 Following approval of the Work Plan, work for the Standards Committee can be programmed in for the year.
- 3.1.4 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 necessary.

## **3.2 Choices**

- 3.2.1 Members are asked to approve the draft 2017/2018 Standards Committee Work Plan at Appendix 1 of this report.
- 3.2.2 Members are recommended to ask the Working Group, *Work Plan* to commence work in accordance with their Terms of Reference on the items identified on the Work Plan at Appendix 1 as requiring Working Group input, and bring such items to the Standards Committee for consideration and decision as required.

## **4. Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **4.1 Policy**

- 4.1.1 This report does not have any direct policy implications.

### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

- 4.2.1 This report does not have any direct resource implications.

### **4.3 Legal**

- 4.3.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

### **4.4 Equality**

- 4.4.1 There are no direct equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

### **4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)**

- 4.5.1 Not applicable.

### **4.6 Other Implications**

4.6.1 None.

## **5. Background Papers**

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5.1 Report and Appendix – Draft Work Plan 2017/2018 for the Standards Committee, Standards Working Group (Work Plan) - 19 January 2017.

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