



City of Westminster Standards Committee

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Classification: For General Release

Title: Standards Committee: Work Programme

Report of: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Wards Involved: None

Policy Context: Management of the Council

Financial Summary: There are no financial implications arising from this report

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the work programme for the Committee. The Committee are asked to comment and suggest any additional reports.
- 1.2 The Committee, at its special meeting on 15 February 2010, agreed to receive an updated Work Programme at each meeting. The attached Work Programme has been updated to reflect the items which are still pending from discussions at previous meetings.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the current position in respect of the work programme be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Standards Committee has meetings programmed as follows: 13 July; 8 November and 12 March 2012.
- 3.2 The Committee will be asked at each meeting to monitor its Work Programme and consider any additional items it would like added. The current Work Programme is attached for endorsement.

4. Update on the Local Determination of Complaints and Sub-Committee Business

- 4.1 The Committee has previously asked to receive an update at each meeting on the work of its Sub-Committees.
- 4.2 Since the last meeting the Sub-Committee have considered and granted three applications for a dispensation from the Code. These related to planning applications on which Members had made an objection.

If you wish to inspect one of the background papers please contact Mick Steward: 020 7641 3134; email: msteward@westminster.gov.uk

Background Documents

- Report and Minutes of Standards Committee.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME

OUTLINE OF OUTSTANDING REPORT	DATE REPORT DUE	LEAD OFFICER
1. Summary of the actions taken in response to the follow-up Ethical Governance audit.	9 March 2011 (see agenda)	Head of Legal and Democratic Services
2. Attendance by Leader of the Council, accompanied by the Chief Executive.	13 July 2011	Head of Members' Services
3. Report setting out possible JDs for Members, including the possibility of recommending to the Standards Committee, that in cases where a Councillor is substantially failing in their duties, that it be recommended that the Basic Allowance be withdrawn.	13 July 2011	Head of Members' Services in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services
4. Update report on the work of the Standards Sub-Committee	Each Meeting	Head of Legal and Democratic Services
5. Report, as necessary, setting out developments in the area of Standards	Each Meeting	Head of Legal and Democratic Services