

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Standards Committee**

**2 October 2014**

<b>Six Monthly Report to District and Parish Liaison Group</b>
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**Report No ADGMO/28/14/MK/SS of the Assistant Director – Governance and Monitoring Officer**

This report is public

**Purpose of the Report**

- To advise Committee that the one year trial period for the six monthly report on the work of the Standards Committee to the District and Parish Liaison Group (based on a presentation by the Parish/Town Council representatives) has now been completed.
- To request that the Committee consider whether it wishes to continue with the six monthly reports on its work to the District and Parish Liaison Group.

**1 Report Details**

1.1 The Committee at its meeting on 13 June 2013 during its consideration of the Work Programme 2013/14 report resolved as follows:-

- (1) Approves a process for Independent Persons to submit an Annual Report to the March meeting of the Committee each year detailing their work over the previous municipal year, it being noted that the first report in March 2014 will cover the period July 2012 to March 2014.
- (2) Approves that a process be introduced for the District and Parish Liaison Group to receive a six monthly report on the work of the Standards Committee, including a presentation from the Parish/Town Council representatives on the Committee, this proposal to be undertaken on a one year trial basis.
- (3) Agrees that in future its draft Annual Report be submitted to its March meeting each year, prior to its submission to the Council meeting in May.

1.2 The Committee has a number of options for its consideration:-

- Continue with the existing practice of providing six monthly update reports on its work to the District and Parish Liaison Group meeting;
- Continue with the existing practice, but include further contributions from the Chair of the Committee and the Governance Team.
- Discontinue the existing practice of providing six monthly update reports on its work to the District and Parish Liaison Group.

- 1.3 From an officer's perspective the presentations have provided a limited opportunity to update the District and Parish Liaison Group on the Committee's work, this process could be developed by looking in detail at particular Standards topics or areas which are relevant to the role of Parish/Town Councillors and Clerks. There are a number of options for consideration , the Committee's views are requested.

## **2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

- 2.1 To provide the Committee with a variety of options regarding the reporting process of its work to the District and Parish Liaison Group.

## **3 Consultation and Equality Impact**

- 3.1 There are no consultations and Equality Impact Issues relevant to this report.

## **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 There were no alternative options considered and rejected.

## **5 Implications**

### **Financial and Risk Implications**

- 5.1 There were no financial or risk implications arising directly from the content of the report. If the Committee resolves to continue with the existing or a modified reporting process this will be covered by provision in a budget approved previously.

### **Legal Implications Including Data Protection**

- 5.2 There are no legal implications, including data protection arising directly from the content of this report.

### **Human Resource Implications**

- 5.3 There are no Human Resource implications arising directly from the content of this report.

## **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the Committee considers whether it wishes to continue with the existing reporting mechanism on its work to the District and Parish Liaison Group.

## 7 Decision Information

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
<b>District Wards Affected</b>	N/A
<b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b>	N/A

## 8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
<b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
None.	
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