

CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF DINAS A SIR CAERDYDD

STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE:

14 MARCH 2006

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

AGENDA ITEM 5

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE – THE CHANGE PROGRAMME ACTION PLAN

Reason for this Report

1. To provide the Committee with an update on progress in developing and implementing the recommendations of the Corporate Governance Commission.

Background

2. The Corporate Governance Commission set up by Cardiff Council to examine a range of aspects of the Council's governance arrangements published its report in April 2004. The report made a number of recommendations. The Change Programme addresses the Corporate Governance recommendations, and other "drivers for change" identified in the Council's Corporate Plan. A report on the Change Programme is due to be considered at the next Executive Business meeting.
3. At its last meeting the Standards and Ethics Committee requested an update on progress in implementing the recommendations of the Corporate Governance Commission.

Issues

4. The report of the Assistant Chief Executive to the Executive titled 'Change Programme Action Plan' is attached as **Appendix A** to this report, for the Committee's information.

Legal Implications

All decisions taken by or on behalf the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers of behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. standing orders and financial regulations; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to consider and note the attached report titled 'Change Programme Action Plan', and make any decisions or comments that it considers appropriate.

Kate Berry

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08 March 2006

Appendix

Appendix A - Report of the Assistant Chief Executive to the Executive titled
'Change Programme Action Plan'