

**CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF
DINAS A SIR CAERDYDD**

STANDARDS & ETHICS COMMITTEE: 15 April 2008

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AGENDA ITEM: 9

**STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE - 2007/08 ANNUAL
REPORT**

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider and finalize the details of the Committee's draft Annual Report for 2007/08 for submission to Council at its meeting in June 2008.

Background

2. The Standards and Ethics Committee has the statutory function of promoting high standards of conduct within the Authority.
3. The Cardiff Council's Constitution requires that all Scrutiny Committees report annually to Council on their activities over the past year, the Standards and Ethics Committee in accordance with the recommendations of the Corporate Governance Commission made a decision to publish its own Annual report in order to strengthen the role of the Committee and to work in partnership with Councillors and Community Councillors to uphold high standards of conduct.
4. At its meeting on 26 February 2008 the Standards and Ethics Committee resolved to establish a Task and Finish Group which met on 2 April 2008 to prepare its 4th Annual Report for consideration at its meeting on 15 April 2008. The Draft Annual Report will be circulated under separate cover to the Committee once the amendments have been finalized.
5. This is the final report of this Committee during the term of office of this administration and outlines the key activities during the 2007/08 year.

Conclusion

6. The Committee have a number of key priorities for consideration in the forthcoming year including:-
- Member Development
 - The new Code of Conduct
 - Governance Programme
 - Strengthening relationships with Community Councils, the media and Members
 - Planning procedures
 - Raising the profile of the Committee

Financial & Legal Implications

7. There are none arising from this report.

Recommendations

8. The Committee is recommended to:
- (1) amend as necessary and approve the Standards and Ethics Committee Draft Annual Report 2007/08 for presentation to Council.
 - (2) authorise Officers to update the 2007/08 Draft Annual Report to reflect the outcome of the 15 April 2008 Committee.

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