

CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF DINAS A SIR CAERDYDD

STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE: 23rd September 2008

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AGENDA ITEM: 6

ETHICAL STANDARDS AUDIT - REVIEW

Reason for this Report

1. To invite the Committee to consider a review of the Ethical Standards Audit reported to the Committee on 5 October 2006.

Background

2. The terms of reference of the Committee include (paragraphs (a), (b) and (c)):
 - to monitor and scrutinise the ethical standards of the Authority, its Members, employees and any associated providers of the Authority's services and to report to the Council on any matters of concern;
 - to advise the Council on the content of its Ethical Code and to update the Code as appropriate; and
 - to advise the Council on the effective implementation of the Code, including such matters as the training of Members and employees on the Code's application.
3. The Committee at its meeting on 12 January 2006 resolved to conduct an Ethical Standards Audit of the Authority; and considered the results of the Audit at its meeting on 5 October 2006.
4. Earlier at its meeting on 25 July 2006 the Committee resolved to repeat the Audit in the Autumn of 2007 with the 2006 results to be used as a baseline.

Issues

5. Because of Council elections, the Committee has not progressed the ethical audit review and now needs to consider what action it wishes to take.

6. The Committee is invited to consider the results of the Audit conducted in 2006 (appended to this report at **Appendix A**) and consider how it wishes to review this issue.

ADVICE

This report has been prepared on behalf of the Monitoring Officer. It contains all the information necessary to allow Members to arrive at a reasonable view, taking into account the advice contained in this section.

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to consider and decide upon what action it wishes to take in order to review the Ethical Standards Audit conducted in 2006.

Kate Berry

Monitoring Officer and City and County Solicitor
17th September 2008

Background papers

Minutes and Reports to Standards & Ethics Committee meetings on 12 January 2006; 14 March 2006; 25 July 2006; and 5 October 2006.

Appendices

Appendix A - Report on the Ethical Standards Audit