

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

STANDARDS & ETHICS COMMITTEE: 24 March 2009

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AGENDA ITEM: 6

**STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE – 2008/09 ANNUAL
REPORT**

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider how Committee wishes to proceed in compiling it's draft Annual Report for 2008/09 for submission to Council at its meeting in June 2009.

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.

Conclusion

5. The Committee have a number of key priorities for consideration in the forthcoming year including:-

- Member Development
 - Employee Code of Conduct
 - Governance Audit
 - Strengthening relationships with Community Councils, the media and Members, ongoing
 - Raising the profile of the Committee
 - All Wales Standards Conference
6. The Committee is requested to consider how it wishes to proceed in compiling it's 2008/09 Annual report for submission to Council and whether it wishes to establish a Task and Finish Group/Forum.

Financial & Legal Implications

6. There are none arising from this report.

Recommendations

7. The Committee is recommended to:
- (1) Advise Officers whether it is minded to establish a Task and Finish Group or Forum; and
 - (2) Subject to (1) above, instruct Officers to make the necessary arrangements to take the matter forward.

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