

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

STANDARDS & ETHICS COMMITTEE: 23 March 2010

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER AGENDA ITEM: 9

**STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE – 2009/10 ANNUAL
REPORT**

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider how Committee wishes to proceed in compiling it's draft Annual Report for 2009/10 for submission to Council.

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. In 2008 and 2009 the Standards and Ethics Committee resolved to established a Task and Finish Groups to prepare its Annual Reports for submission to Council.

Conclusion

5. The Committee have a number of key priorities for consideration in the forthcoming year including:-
 - Member Development and appraisals
 - Member Code of Conduct
 - 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 2010
 - Dispensation Regulations
 - Regular meetings with Party Whips and Leaders
6. The Committee is requested to consider how it wishes to proceed in compiling it's 2009/10 Annual Report for submission to Council and whether it wishes to establish a Task and Finish Group/Forum as it has done in previous years.

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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