

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

STANDARDS & ETHICS COMMITTEE

23 MARCH 2010

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

AGENDA ITEM: 10

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide the Standards and Ethics Committee with a proposed work programme for 2010/11 which was developed following a Forum of the Committee, the Forum took place on 17 November 2009.

Background

2. The Standards and Ethics Committee's Terms of Reference provide the Committee with responsibility in the following areas:-
 - 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 on the content and updating of the Council's Ethical Code and advise on the effective implementation of the Code.
 - To consider and determine the outcome of complaints in respect of breaches of the Code of Conduct.
 - To oversee and monitor the Council's Whistleblowing Policy and procedures.
 - To grant or refuse requests for dispensation in respect of Members' interests under the Members' Code of Conduct.
 - To hear and determine complaints of misconduct by Members.
 - To recommend to Council and the Executive any additional guidance on issues of probity.

- To undertake those functions which are required by law in relation to Community Councils situated in the area of the Council and Members of those Community Councils.

At its meeting on 26 January 2010, the Committee resolved to defer consideration of the Work Programme to the meeting scheduled for 23 March 2010.

Issues

3. The Committee's priorities are set out in the proposed Work Programme for 2010/11 attached at **Appendix 1**.

Financial & Legal Implications

4. There are none arising from this report.

Recommendations

That the draft programme of work set out in **Appendix 1** be considered by the Committee and any necessary action arising from the work programme be agreed.

KATE BERRY
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20 January 2010