

# North Tyneside Council

## Report to Standards Committee

Date: 10 June 2021

### ITEM

Title: Action Plan/Work Programme 2021/22

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Report from Service Area: Law and Governance

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Wards affected: All

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#### 1.1 Purpose:

To provide a report on the Action Plan/Work Programme of the Standards Committee for 2021/22.

#### 1.2 Recommendation(s):

The schedule of meetings for 2021/22 be noted and the work programme for the Standards Committee set out below be adopted.

#### 1.3 Information

##### 1.3.1 The Standards Committee's - Action Plan/Work Programme up to 31 March 2022

The Standards Committee is responsible for the Authority's statutory duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by the Elected Mayor, Councillors, Co-opted Members.

##### 1.3.2 The terms of reference of the Standards Committee are set out in Part 3.5 of the Authority's Constitution and are: -

1. To promote and maintain high standards of conduct by the Elected Mayor, Councillors, Co-opted Members and church and parent governor representatives.
2. To ensure the Elected Mayor, Councillors and Co-opted Members and church and parent governor representatives observe the Members' Code of Conduct.
3. To advise the Authority on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct.
4. To monitor the operation of the Members' Code of Conduct.
5. To advise, train or arrange to train the Elected Mayor, Councillors and Co-opted Members and church and parent governor representatives on matters relating to the Members' Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
6. To grant dispensations to the Elected Mayor, Councillors and Co-opted Members and church and parent governor representatives from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct.



and the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Planning Committee and other Regulatory Committees.		
To invite Chairs of Standards Committees from other Authorities in the region to attend Committee meetings.	To provide an opportunity to understand ethical governance and standards issues in other Authorities.	Ongoing
To provide training for the Committee on relevant ethical standards issues.	Training on local assessment, the Code of Conduct and other relevant matters/legislation.	Ongoing.
To review training available to all Council Members on ethical governance, ethical standards issues including arrangements with respect to the Code of Conduct; granting of dispensations, the use of Social Media and declaring interests.	To ensure all members receive information on ethical governance, ethical standards to minimise risk of unwitting breaches of the Code of Conduct.	By May 2022
Continue production of Annual Standards Committee Report	Presentation of Annual Report of the work of the Committee during the previous 12 months.	By end of each municipal year.

### 1.3.2 The schedule of Meetings 2021/22

- 10 June 2021
- 11 November 2021
- 7 April 2022

#### **1.4 Appendices:**

None.

#### **1.5 Contact officers:**

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#### **1.6 Background information:**

- Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members.
- The Localism Act 2011.
- Standards Committee Annual Report 2020/21.