

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING	Standards Committee	
MEETING	22nd September 2016	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE:	Standards Committee Draft Annual Report 2015-16	
WARD:	All	
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 To introduce the Standards Committee Draft Annual Report for 2015-16 for consideration by the Committee prior to its finalisation and submission to the Council meeting on 10th November 2016.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to;

- 2.1 Consider and suggest any additions and amendments to the Draft Annual Report 2015-16 attached at Appendix 1 as appropriate; and
- 2.2 Grant delegated authority to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Chair of the Standards Committee to finalise the report, including the addition of a Chair's Foreword and taking into account any comments received pursuant to recommendation 1 above, prior to its submission to the Council meeting.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

3.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

4.1 The Standards Committee is not required to produce an annual report however it is good practice to do so.

5 THE REPORT

5.1 The Standards Committee has agreed it would provide an annual report to the Council summarising the work of the Committee over the previous year.

The Standards Committee Draft Annual Report 2015-16 is attached at Appendix 1.

6 RATIONALE

6.1 The Committee is responsible for the promotion of ethical standards within the Authority, helping to secure adherence to the Members' Code of Conduct; monitoring the operation of the Code with Bath & North East Somerset Council, conducting hearings, following investigation, and determining complaints made against Councillors in respect of alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 None.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 None.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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Background papers	<i>None.</i>
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