
Subject: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Meeting and Date: Annual Council – 14 May 2014

Report of: David Randall, Director of Governance

Decision Type: Non-Key

Classification: Unrestricted

Purpose of the report: To update Members on the work of the Standards Committee during 2013/14

Recommendation: That Members note the report

1. **Summary**

This report summarises the achievements of the Standards Committee against its Terms of Reference for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

2. **Introduction and Background**

- 2.1 The purpose of the Council's Standards Committee is to promote and maintain high standards of conduct amongst the 45 Members of Dover District Council and the (up to) 317 Members of the town and parish councils in the District, including monitoring the effectiveness of the Code of Conduct and arrangements for dealing with associated complaints, and monitoring the Council's handling of service complaints and Ombudsman investigations.

3. **Annual Report**

- 3.1 The Annual Council meeting makes provision for the receipt of the Annual Report of the Standards Committee, detailing its work during the preceding year.

4. **Identification of Options**

- 4.1 To note the report.
4.2 To not note the report.

5. **Evaluation of Options**

- 5.1 The annual report on the activity of the Standards Committee is for note.

6. **Resource Implications**

- 6.1 None from this report.

7. **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Annual Report of the Standards Committee – 2013/14

8. **Background Papers**

8.1 Democratic Services' files

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