

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL
DEMOCRACY AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME 2023/2024

Date of the Democracy and Standards Committee	Topics and Rationale
12 January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Development – To provide an update on Member training for the Committee’s information and seek support for the classification and requirements in relation to the Member training programme • Statistics – code of Conduct Arrangements – Annual update – To provide an update on the number of complaints received and dealt with, in respect of the Code of Member Conduct • Proposed amendments to the Constitution - To consider proposed amendments to the Constitution • Carried Motions on Notice - Predecessor Councils - The Committee to consider carried Motions from Predecessor Councils, with reasons provided proposed for re-adoption. • Work Programme 2023/2024 - To approve the Work programme for 2023/2024
9 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boundary Review Task and Finish Group - To provide an update on progress of the work of this Task and Finish Group • Proposed amendments to the Constitution - To consider proposed amendments to the Constitution • National Changes – Ethics and Standards – To provide an update on national changes in respect of Ethics and Standards that may impact on the Council’s arrangements for ethical standards (if required) • Proposed Member Development Programme (years 3 and 4) - To provide an update on the proposed Member Development Programme • Work Programme 2023/2024 - To review the Work Programme for the Democracy and Standards Committee
15 June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register of Members' Interests - To provide an update regarding the operation of the Register of Members’ Interests 2022/2023 • Proposed amendments to the Constitution - To consider proposed amendments to the Constitution • National Changes – Ethics and Standards – To provide an update on national changes in respect of Ethics and Standards that may impact on the Council’s arrangements for ethical standards • Annual Report of the Democracy and Standards Committee 2022/2023 – To consider the draft Annual Report of the Democracy and Standards Committee 2022/2023 • Member Development Programme 2023/2024 – Progress report • Work Programme 2023/2024 - To review the Work Programme for the Democracy and Standards Committee

<p>12 September 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed amendments to the Constitution - To consider proposed amendments to the Constitution • Revised Member Complaints Procedure – To consider the revised Member Complaints Procedure • Statistics – code of Conduct Arrangements – Six monthly update – To provide an update on the number of complaints received and dealt with, in respect of the Code of Member Conduct • National Changes – Ethics and Standards – To provide an update on national changes in respect of Ethics and Standards that may impact on the Council’s arrangements for ethical standards (if required) • Training for Democracy and Standards Committee - to consider any training specific to the Democracy and Standards Committee Members • Work Programme 2023/2024 - To review the Work Programme for the Democracy and Standards Committee
<p>15 November 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Changes – Ethics and Standards – To provide an update on national changes in respect of Ethics and Standards that may impact on the Council’s arrangements for ethical standards (if required) • Proposed amendments to the Constitution - - To consider proposed amendments to the Constitution in relation to updates required to the Financial Procedure Rules • Review of Planning Committee arrangements - To review the operation of the planning committees over the last six months and determines whether any changes should be recommended to Council or whether further review or information is required • Proposed amendments to the Member Complaints Procedure - To consider proposed amendments to the Member complaints Procedure • Community Governance Review – To consider the Consultation Plan for the first stage of the Community Governance Review • Work Programme 2023/2024 - To review the Work Programme for the Democracy and Standards Committee
<p>25 January 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics – code of Conduct Arrangements – Annual Review – To provide an update on the number of complaints received and dealt with, in respect of the Code of Member Conduct • Member Development – To provide an update on member training for the Committee’s information and seeks support for the classification and requirements in relation to the member training programme • Community Governance Review - To provide an update on the Community Governance Review • Review of Planning Committee arrangements - To consider an update of the review of the Planning Committee arrangements • Proposed amendments to the Constitution - To consider proposed amendments to the Constitution in relation to updates TO Contract Procedure Rules • National Changes – Ethics and Standards – To provide an update on national changes in respect of Ethics and Standards that may impact on the Council’s arrangements for ethical standards (if required) • Work Programme 2024/2025 - To propose a work programme for the Committee for 2024/2025