



WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL
DEMOCRACY AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Draft version 1

WORK PROGRAMME 2024/2025

Date of the Democracy and Standards Committee	Topics and Rationale
25 January 2024	<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 • 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) • Work Programme 2024/2025 - To propose a work programme for the Committee for 2024/2025
11 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Planning Committee arrangements - To consider an update of the review of the Planning Committee arrangements • Community Governance Review - To provide an update on the consultation regarding the Community Governance Review • 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) • Work Programme 2024/2025 - To review the Work Programme for the Democracy and Standards Committee
13 June 2024	<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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report of the Democracy and Standards Committee 2023/2024 – To consider the draft Annual Report of the Democracy and Standards Committee 2023/2024 • Proposed Member Development Programme (year 4) - To provide an update on the proposed Member Development Programme • Work Programme 2024/2025 - To review the Work Programme for the Democracy and Standards Committee
2 September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed amendments to the Constitution - To consider proposed amendments to the Constitution • 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 2024/2025 - To review the Work Programme for the Democracy and Standards Committee
14 November 2024	<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
23 January 2025	<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 induction programme 2025/26 • 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) • Work Programme 2025/2026 - To propose a work programme for the Committee for 2025/2026