



WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL
DEMOCRACY AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DRAFT VERSION 1

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 and to seek approval for the development of a rolling Member Development Programme, commencing with an initial 2023/2025 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
30 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 • Member Development Programme 2023/2025 – to approve the Member Development Programme 2023/2025 • Work Programme 2023/2024 - To review the Work Programme 2023/2024 for the Democracy and Standards Committee
June 2023 (Date TBC)	<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

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September 2023 (Date TBC)	<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 • Training for Democracy and Standards Committee - to consider any training specific to the Democracy and Standards Committee Members • Member Development Programme 2023/2025 – to review the Member Development Programme 2023/2025 • Work Programme 2023/2024 - To review the Work Programme 2023/2024 for the Democracy and Standards Committee
November 2023 (Date TBC)	<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 • Proposed amendments to the Constitution - To consider proposed amendments to the Constitution • Work Programme 2023/2024 - To review the Work Programme 2023/2024 for the Democracy and Standards Committee
January 2024 (Date TBC)	<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 • 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