

CHAIR'S REPORT

Meeting	24 June 2021
Report Author	Chair of the Standards Committee
Status	For Information
Classification:	Unrestricted

Executive Summary:

To receive a report from the Chair summarising and commenting on the work of the Standards Committee for the period March 2021 - June 2021.

Recommendation(s):

None - This report is for information only.

Corporate Implications

Financial and Value for Money

None arising from this report.

Legal

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Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty

Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and

(iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

Protected characteristics: age, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

This report relates to the following aim of the equality duty: -

- To eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- To advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it
- To foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- Communities

1.0 Introduction

1.1 This verbal report for the Standards Committee will cover any work of the Constitutional Review Working Party (CRWP) and the progress of complaints about member behaviour considered by Standards sub-committees, although the information will be anonymised.

Annex List

None.

Background Papers

None.

Corporate Consultation

Finance: *N/A*

Legal: Estelle Culligan, Director of Law & Democracy and Deputy Monitoring Officer.