

Report to: Standards Committee

Date of Meeting 2 July 2026

Heading/Title: Standards Committee Work Programme

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Key decision No

If a Key Decision has it appeared on Forward Plan

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Exemption applied: None

1. Background

1.1 It is important that the Monitoring Officer provides a regular report to the Committee on ethical standards and Code of Conduct issues. The Monitoring Officer will provide a verbal update at the meeting in relation to:-

1. Recent changes to the requirements for the disclosure of home addresses on members declaration of interest forms.
2. Training of Town/Parish Councillors in relation to the Code of Conduct.

2. Recommendations/Decision

2.1 To note the Standards Update.

3. Reasons for Recommendations/Decision

3.1 To ensure that Committee are kept up-to-date regarding ethical standards and code of conduct issues.

4. Options

4.1 To note the update.

5. Relevance to Council Plan/priorities

Set out how report links to the Council Plan/priorities:

- A supported and engaged community that has the right homes in the right places, with appropriate infrastructure
- A sustainable environment that is moving towards carbon neutrality and which promotes ecological recovery.
- A vibrant and resilient economy that supports local business, provides local jobs and leads to a reduction in poverty and inequality.
- A well-managed, financially secure and continuously improving council that delivers quality services

Ensures the Council has good procedures in place for promoting ethical governance.

6. Financial Comments/Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications to be added to this report.

7. Legal Comments/Implications

7.1 There are no substantive legal implications to be added to this report.

8. Risk Implications

Please complete the risk table – further guidance available on the [Intranet](#)

8.1 It is important that the Committee are kept informed regarding ethical standards and code of conduct issues.

Activity/ plant/ materials etc	List significant hazards	People at risk	Assessment of Risk			Existing controls e.g. Safety procedures	Residual Risk			What further action Is required to control/mitigate the risk?
			*Imp act 1-4	*Like li hood 1-4	Risk Score		Impa ct 1- 4	Lik eli hood 1-4	Ri s k S c o r e	
Ensure that the Committ ee is kept up- to-date in relation to Standar	Members not being appropria tely trained and up- todate.	Those using the services of District and Town/Paris h Councils in East Devon. The reputation of	3	2	6	Regular updates on Standards issues.	1	2	2	Ensure the Committee kept up-to-date.

ds issues.		individual Councils.								
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*Impact – Major = 4 Serious = 3 Significant = 2 Minor = 1
 *Likelihood – Very Likely = 4 Likely = 3 Unlikely = 2 Remote = 1

9. Equality Implications (Public Sector Equality Duty)

Scope (<i>Provide an overview, including objectives and desired outcomes</i>)	To ensure no equality implications arising from the proposals in the report.
Evidence gathered and engagement (<i>List stakeholders consulted and relevant processes, policies, and data sources</i>)	Changes in legislation and general standards updates.
Relevance assessment findings (<i>If relevant to equality, undertake a full EIA or If no relevance to equality, explain why with supporting information</i>)	<p>A full EIA is required: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, this assessment has demonstrated relevance to equality with regard to: Please check relevant boxes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Age <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy and maternity <input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual orientation <input type="checkbox"/> Race <input type="checkbox"/> Gender reassignment <input type="checkbox"/> Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage or Civil Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Religion or Belief <input type="checkbox"/> Armed Forces <input type="checkbox"/> Other, e.g. carers, care leavers, low income, rurality/isolation, etc.</p> <p>If no, explain why:</p> <p>There are no equality implications arising from this report.</p>
Relevance ranking	<input type="checkbox"/> High – Very relevant to protected characteristics <input type="checkbox"/> Medium – Somewhat relevant to protected characteristics <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low – Not relevant to protected characteristics
Key findings and impacts	None. Update only.
Conclusion drawn (<i>i.e No major changes needed; EIA found no negative impact or adjust policy/process to remove identified barriers</i>)	No negative impact
Actions (<i>Proposed actions to mitigate negative impacts on identified groups</i>)	N/A
Signed off by	Melanie Wellman, Director of Governance

10. HR and Workforce Implications

10.1 There are none.

11. Community Safety Implications (Crime and Disorder)

11.1 There are none.

12. Climate Change Implications

12.1 There are none.

13. Health & Safety and Health & Wellbeing Implications

13.1 There are none.

14. Procurement and Social Value implications

14.1 There are none.

15. Land and Buildings (non-housing)/Asset Management Implications

15.1 There are none.

16. Overview and Scrutiny Committees Comments/Recommendations

16.1 Not applicable.

17. Digital and Data

17.1 There are none.

18. Consultation and Engagement

18.1 There are none.

19. Communications

19.1 There are none.

20. Next Steps

20.1 For the Committee to receive regular updates on standards issues.

21. Appendices

21.1 There are none.

22. Background Papers

22.1 None.

