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| Committee | Standards Committee |
| Date : | 17 June 2024 |
| Title | The Standards Committee's Annual Report 2023-24 |
| Author | Propriety and Elections Manager |
| Action : | Suggestions and approval |

Background

1. The Standards Committee publishes an annual report to be presented to a meeting of the full Council. The Committee decided to do this as a means of raising the Committee's profile and of promoting its work.

2. The Local Government Act 2000 was amended by the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, making it now a statutory duty for standards committees to report to their authority. This must be done as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year, in relation to that year (i.e. the 12 month period ending on 31 March).

3. The report must describe how the committee's functions have been implemented during the year. In particular the report must include a summary of:

- What has been done to carry out the general and specific functions given to the committee by the 2000 Act
- Reports and recommendations made or referred to the committee by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
- Actions taken by the committee after it has considered such reports and recommendations;
- Notices given to the committee by the Adjudication Panel for Wales

A report by a county council's standards committee must also include:

- The committee's assessment of the extent to which leaders of political groups on the council have complied with their new statutory duties in relation to standards of conduct.

The report may include:

- Recommendations to the authority about any matter in respect of which the committee has functions.

4. The authority must consider every annual report made by its standards committee before the end of 3 months which starts on the day the authority receives the report.

5. A draft Annual Report for the financial year 2023/24 is attached for the attention of the Committee.

Recommendations

6. To approve the Committee's Annual Report.