

SUBJECT:	WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To put forward the current Ethics and Engagement Committee work programme for consideration by members.

2. Work Programme Summary

- 2.1 The work programme is attached as **Appendix A**, and was initially agreed at the meeting of the Standards Committee on 22 October 2012.
- 2.2 A significant number of unscheduled items are contained within the work programme. These items are not currently scheduled owing either to a lack of capacity within the meetings available or because the timing at which key information will become available is unclear.
- 2.3 Members are encouraged to put forward any proposals for relevant matters of concern or interest to them or the residents of their ward which the Ethics and Engagement Committee may be able to consider.

3. Changes Made to the Work Programme

- 3.1 Since the previously agreed work programme, a number of councillors have separately raised questions regarding members' use of online social media. As such, it is proposed that the Committee's consideration of the topic be brought forward to the meeting of 21 January 2013 to consider both the matter as a whole and the results of consultative work currently underway. This has been swapped with the item on Ward Budgets to ensure the agenda remains manageable and retains capacity for any changes members may wish to make.
- 3.2 In addition, reports on proposed dispensations for members and arrangements for working with the police in relation to any potential criminal offences regarding the declaration of interests have been added to the agenda for the 12 December 2012 meeting. *Ad hoc* items of this nature will continue to be considered for the work programme in consultation with the chair.

4. Finance Implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 Any additions to the work programme should be made in accordance with the scope of the Committee established within its terms of reference.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 That the Committee consider the work programme and propose any suitable changes if necessary.