



AGENDA ITEM: 12

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE:
17 July 2007**

Report of: Council Secretary and Solicitor

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**SUBJECT: STANDARDS COMMITTEE - PROACTIVE WORK PROGRAMME
2007/8**

District wide interest

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To adopt a Work Programme for the Standards Committee for 2007/8.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Work Programme attached as Appendix 1 be agreed incorporating the proactive initiatives set out therein.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Standards Committee at West Lancs aspires to be a proactive Committee and to this end has agreed that it will produce a Work Programme each year.

4.0 CURRENT POSITION/PROPOSAL

4.1 A draft Work Programme for 2007/8 is attached for Members' consideration at Appendix 1. This includes ideas previously discussed for a proactive Standards Committee together with some new ideas and an indication of items which can be publicised and the appropriate method.

5.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY

5.1 There are no significant sustainability/community strategy implications arising from this report.

6.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The contents of the Work Programme will be resourced from existing budget with the exception of investigations and hearings which it has been agreed will be funded from contingencies should matters arise during the year. Detailed resources for local filtering will need to be given during the year.

7.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

7.1 A proactive Standards Committee will ensure high ethical standards are promoted within the Council with all the consequent benefits that flow from the same.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

There is no evidence from an initial assessment of an adverse impact on equality in relation to the equality target groups.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Standards Committee Work Programme 2007/8