

## **Standards Committee Work Programme 2009/10 – 10 December 2008**

|   | <b>Timescale</b>     | <b>Progress</b>  |
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| 1 Lessons to be learned from reported complaints/monitoring of compliance with the Code   | As and when required | On going   |
| 2 New/Revised Protocols   | As and when required | On going   |
| 3 Annual Monitoring of Training Report  | Summer 2009          | On target  |
| 4 Code of Conduct Seminar for Officers, District and Parish Councillors<br>(Press Release to be issued – Details on website)        | Autumn 2008          | On target - Seminar held on 20 November 2008 at Edge Hill<br>Press release drafted                   |
| 5 Report on Annual Standards Board Conference<br>(Para for 7 Days)  | December 2008        | To be circulated to members via e-mail/letter  |
| 6 Update on visits by individual Members to District and Parish Council Meetings<br>(Press Release to be issued and put on website) | Autumn 2008          | On target – Report on the agenda for the Standards Committee 10 December 2008                        |
| 7 Update on Whistleblowing Code   | Summer 2009          |  |
| 8 Hearings and Investigations   | As and when required | On going   |
| 9 Consideration of applications for dispensations   | As and when required | On going   |
| 10 Monitoring Officer meeting with Parish Clerks to discuss Standards regime  | Summer 2008          | Target met – Meeting held June 2008. Reported to the meeting of the Standards Committee in July 2008 |

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| 11 Standards Committee annual meeting inviting Parish Clerks and Parish Chairman to discuss Code (Press Release to be issued)   | Summer 2009      |  |
| 12 Standards Committee – Annual Report  | Summer 2009      |  |
| 13 Annual Meeting Standards Committee and the Chief Executive and Leaders of 2 Political Groups to discuss importance of ethical governance and Annual Report (Press Release to be issued and Para for 7 Days and on website explaining how much the Chief Executive and Leader support and encourage high ethical standards) | Autumn 2009      |  |
| 14 Consider involvement of the Standards Committee in the Officer Code and Political Restrictions   | Autumn 2008      | On target – Consultation Document – Report on agenda for December 2008 meeting |
| 15 Consider use of the ethical governance toolkit   | Summer 2009      |  |
| 16 Look at conducting Peoples Panel research in relation to opinions of conduct in West Lancashire  | Summer 2009      |  |
| 17 Look at the potential involvement of the Standards Committee in complaints handling and review of Ombudsman decisions  | Autumn 2009      |  |
| 18 Local Filter - implementation  | Summer 2008      | On target  |