

	
Joint Standards Committee	24 July 2019
Report of the Interim Monitoring Officer	

Review of Work Undertaken by the Joint Standards Committee 2017/18 & 2018/19

Summary:

1. This report provides the new members of the Joint Standards Committee with information regarding the work undertaken by the committee in the preceding two municipal years.

Background:

2. At the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee on 17 June 2019 members requested an up date on the work of the Committee, including items on the last work plan for 2018/19. The table attached as Annex 1 sets out the work undertaken by the Committee in the last two municipal years.
3. Members will note that the review of the CYC Code of Conduct remains outstanding and should now be concluded as a matter of urgency.
4. With regard to the proposed new Whistleblowing Policy, attached at Annex 2 is an extract from the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting on 6 February 2019. Members will note the present position and need to consider how they wish to proceed.

Recommendations:

5. Members are recommended to:

- 5.1 Note the contents of this report and the appendices and use the information provided to inform their discussion on their workplan.
- 5.2 Request an update report on the review of the CYC Code of Conduct for Members to be considered at the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee on 4 September 2019.
- 5.3 Request that the task group's views on the proposed up date of the Whistleblowing Policy be collated and submitted to Internal Audit for consideration in the final policy.

Reason:

1. To ensure that the Committee has a workplan that reflects what has already achieved and is relevant to its purpose.
2. To ensure that the CYC Code of Conduct for Members is up date and reflects good practice.
3. To ensure the Whistleblowing Policy has been considered by members responsible for the oversight of the conduct of elected members.

Wards Affected: All

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Annexes:

Annex 1 – Joint Standards Committee Work Undertaken 2017/18 & 2018/19

Annex 2 – Extract from the Minutes of Audit & Governance Committee meeting on 6 February 2019

Background Papers:

Agendas and minutes of previous Joint Standards Committee meetings

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