

By: Peter Sass - Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership

To: Standards Committee – 15 July 2010

Subject: Annual Meeting with the Group Leaders

Summary: To discuss the operation of the Standards Committee with the Group Leaders with particular reference to its role in managing the local assessment framework for dealing with complaints.

Unrestricted

Background

1. Every year, the Standards Committee invites the three Group Leaders to attend one of its meetings to discuss the Committee's work in the previous 12 months and to look forward in terms of the future activities of the Committee. In order to guide these discussions, attached at **Appendix 1** is the Committee's Annual Report, which is being presented to the County Council at its meeting on 22 July.

2. The Leader of the Council, Paul Carter, has an external engagement on the day of the Committee's meeting and offers his apologies, so will be represented by the Deputy Leader, Alex King. Mrs Dean will be present, as Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group. The Leader of the Labour Group, Mr Christie, is, of course, a member of this Committee and is due to be present.

Recommendation:

3. The Committee is invited to thank the Group Leaders for their attendance at the meeting and agree a way forward on any matter raised during the discussions.

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