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To: Standards Committee – 27 April 2009

Subject: Standards Committee Work Programme and future meeting dates

Summary: To consider the Committee's forward work programme.

Unrestricted

Background

1. At the Committee's meeting on 25 November, 2008, it was agreed that the Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership would formulate a work programme for the Committee's consideration and also, in consultation with the Chairman, agree a series of future meeting dates, so that all Members can ensure they are available to attend Committee meetings.

2. Accordingly, attached at **Appendix 1** is a suggested work programme based on relevant aspects of the Committee's work in previous years, together with the conclusions reached at the previous meeting about the Committee's future role. In addition, a number of dates are recommended for Committee meetings for the remainder of 2009, which Members are asked to agree.

Recommendation:

3. The Committee is invited to consider and agree the Committee's future work programme and proposed meeting dates (Appendix 1)

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Appendix 1

Standards Committee Work Programme - 2009

Meeting	Item	Source (*Standard item unless stated)
27 April 2009	Kent Audit Review of the locally managed framework	Audit Review
	Advice Note 4 for Planning Applications Committee Members	Review by Legal Services
	Update on Member Development	Agreed at November 2008 meeting
	Monitoring of Complaints	Agreed at November 2008 meeting
	Work Programme and future meeting dates	Agreed at November 2008 meeting
	Declarations of Interest – standard form	Head of DS&LL
28 May meeting	The Committee's Annual report	Standard item
	Members' Annual reports	Standard item
	Monitoring of complaints	Standard item
	Work Programme and future meeting dates	Standard item
20 July 2009	Review of Ethical Standards Training for Members	Agreed at November 2008 meeting
	Review of Register of Interests, Gifts and Hospitality	Agreed at November 2008 meeting to be an annual report
	To meet with the political group leaders to discuss the role of the Committee in raising ethical standards	Best practice
	Monitoring of complaints	Standard item
	Work Programme and future meeting dates	Standard item
20 November 2009	Monitoring of complaints	Standard item
	Work Programme and future meeting dates	Standard item