

South Lakeland District Council
Standards Committee
17 April 2018
ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

CHAIRMAN:	Councillor Chris Hogg - Chairman of Standards Committee
REPORT FROM:	Debbie Storr - Director of Policy and Resources (Monitoring Officer)
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WARDS:	All
FORWARD PLAN:	not applicable

1.0 EXPECTED OUTCOME

- 1.1 That the Committee considers its Annual Report for 2017/18 for referral to full Council.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee consider its draft Annual Report 2017/18 for referral to full Council.

3.0 BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The draft Annual Report, attached at Appendix 1, details the work of the Committee and the operation of the Council's Standards Arrangements over the last 12 months.
- 3.2 To date complaints under the Council's Standards Arrangements have been considered under the delegated powers of the Monitoring Officer, and there have been no referrals to the Standards Committee. The Council's Standards Arrangements and terms of reference for the Committee can be found at <https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-and-decisions/code-of-conduct-and-standards/standards-regime/standards-committee/>.
- 3.3 Members are requested to consider the Annual Report 2017/18 for referral to Council. Minor amendments will be made, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, before it is finalised for Council to reflect decisions arising from this agenda.
- 3.4 It is appropriate for the Committee to review the Council's Standards Arrangements on a regular basis, and this was last done in 2017 and it is proposed that this will be next reviewed during 2018/19.

4.0 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Not applicable – the Committee is requested to consider its Annual Report and provide comments as it feels appropriate.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

5.1 The report is to consider and comment.

6.0 LINKS TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES

6.1 Ethical standards underpin the governance controls of the Council.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Financial and Resources

7.1.1 There are no finance or resource implications arising from this report.

7.2 Human Resources

7.2.1 Not applicable.

7.3 Legal

7.3.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report. Any changes to Standards arrangements must be in accordance with the relevant legislative requirements.

7.4 Social, Economic and Environmental

7.4.1 There are no issues to raise

7.5 Equality and Diversity

7.5.1 There are no issues to raise.

7.6 Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
That the Council is failing in its standards arrangements	Poor standards of behaviour	Monitor and review arrangements on a regular basis

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APPENDICES ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

Appendix No.	
1	Draft Annual Report 2017/18

TRACKING INFORMATION

Assistant Director	Portfolio Holder	Solicitor to the Council	SMT	Scrutiny Committee
	N/A	13.2.18	1.3.18	N/A
Executive (Cabinet)	Committee	Council	Section 151 Officer	Monitoring Officer
N/A	17.4.18	AGM	1.3.18	author
Human Resource Services Manager	Leader	Ward Councillor(s)		
N/A				