

**South Lakeland District Council**  
**Standards Committee**  
**Tuesday, 20 April 2021**  
**Annual Report 2020/2021**

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<b>Portfolio:</b>	Cllr Philip Dixon - Customer and Commercial Services and People Portfolio Holder
<b>Report from:</b>	Monitoring Officer
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<b>Wards:</b>	(All Wards);
<b>Forward Plan:</b>	N/A

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**1.0 Expected Outcome**

- 1.1 That the Committee considers the Annual report for 2020/2021 for a referral to Full Council.

**2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the committee consider its draft Annual Report 2020/2021 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 2020/21 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 and it is proposed to include this within the constitution review in 2021/2022. Indeed changes to the Code of Conduct and the Standards Arrangements are separate items on this agenda.

**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 Governance underpin the governance controls of the Council.

## 7.0 Implications

### Financial, Resources and Procurement

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

### Human Resources

7.2 Not applicable

### Legal

7.3 There are no finance or resource implications arising from the report.

### Health, Social, Economic and Environmental.

7.4 Have you completed a Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment? No

7.5 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons:  
There are no issues arising from the report.

### Equality and Diversity

7.7 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No

7.8 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons:  
There are no issues arising from this report.

### 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.

### Contact Officers

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### Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Draft Annual Report

### Tracking Information

Signed off by	Date sent	Date Signed off
Legal Services	01/04/2021	01/04/2021
Section 151 Officer	01/04/2021	12/04/21
Monitoring Officer	Report author	Report author
CMT	N/A	N/A

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Lead Specialist	N/A
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Communications Team	N/A
Leader	01/04/2021
Committee Chairman	01/04/2021
Portfolio Holder	01/04/2021
Ward Councillor(s)	N/A
Committee	N/A
Executive (Cabinet)	N/A
Council	N/A