

South Lakeland District Council
Council
Wednesday, 19 May 2021
Standards Committee Annual Report 2020/21

Portfolio:	Cllr Matt Severn, Chairman of the Standards Committee
Report from:	Monitoring Officer
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Wards:	(All Wards);
Forward Plan:	N/A

1.0 Expected Outcome

1.1 That Council receives the Standards Committee Annual Report for 2020/21.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that Council receives the Standards Committee Annual Report for 2020/21.

3.0 Background and Proposals

3.1 The Standards Committee 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.

3.3 Members are asked to receive the Annual Report 2020/21.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 The Standards Committee considered the report at its meeting on 20 April 2020 for referral to Council.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 There are no alternative options, the report is to receive.

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 to raise; this report provides an annual report to Council.

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 to raise; this report provides an annual report to Council.

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	Standards Committee Annual Report 2020/21

Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
The Council's Standards Arrangements and terms of reference for the Committee.	https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/your-council/councillors-and-decisions/councillors/councillor-code-of-conduct-and-standards/

Tracking Information

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

Circulated to	Date sent
Lead Specialist	N/A
Human Resources Lead Specialist	N/A
Communications Team	N/A

Circulated to	Date sent
Leader	01/04/21
Committee Chairman	01/04/21
Portfolio Holder	01/04/21
Ward Councillor(s)	N/A
Committee	20/04/21
Executive (Cabinet)	N/A
Council	19/05/21