



Derby City Council

STANDARDS COMMITTEE **Tuesday 18 July 2017**

LATE ITEM

Report of the Director of Governance and
Monitoring Officer

Committee on Standards in Public Life 'Setting the Standard'

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Attached at Appendix 2 of the report is a letter from Lord Bew, Chair of the Committee on Standards in Public Life. Attached at Appendix 3 of the report is a copy of 'Setting the Standard', which was published yesterday and includes the Committee's annual report for 2017- 18, forward plan for 2017-18, and strategic plan. It may be of particular interest to note that the Committee has confirmed its intention to undertake a review of local government standards as part of its 2017/18 work programme:

"The Committee maintains a longstanding interest in local government standards, and regularly receives correspondence from members of the public expressing their concern about this issue. We were actively conducting research and engaging with partners on this subject throughout 2016-17, and we intend to undertake a review of local government standards during 2017-18.

- 1.2 This review will be based around a consultation that will be launched in early 2018. Based on the submissions to this review and meetings with key stakeholders, we intend to publish our findings and recommendations in 2018."

- 1.3 There is due to be a full review of Derby City Council's standards regime in the near future and the Committee's consideration of the attached report should help inform this.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To Consider the Committee on Standards in Public Life 'Setting the Standard' report with reference to a future review of Derby City Council's standards regime.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To give the Standards Committee the opportunity to consider and comment upon the 'Setting the Standard' report.
- 3.2 Considering this report will help to inform a future review of Derby City Council's standards regime.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Lord Bew letter attached at Appendix 2.
- 4.2 Committee on Standards in Public Life 'Setting the Standard' report attached at Appendix 3.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Janie Berry – Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising directly from this report.

Legal

- 2.1 None arising directly from this report.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 All Derby people will benefit from an effective Standards Committee.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report.

Risk Management

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 This report has the potential to link with all the Council's Corporate Objectives.

