

KENT POLICE AUTHORITY

STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL PLAN 2010/11

Foreword by Standards Committee Independent Chair

The importance of standards in public life has, for many years, been reflected in the work of the Kent Police Authority's Standards Committee.

The Coalition Government's programme clearly signals the intent to significantly overhaul the existing Standards for England (SfE) structures and machinery and the Chair of the SfE has written to all Standards Committees to that effect. There are some real challenges and opportunities for the Authority's approach to standards issues but the events and subsequent public disquiet associated with the 'Westminster expenses scandals' graphically illustrate the vital importance of this work in maintaining public support and confidence in the democratic process. Accordingly, despite substantial progress being made, the Standards Committee's areas of focus as set out in the 2009/10 Annual Report, will all remain important parts of the 2010/11 work programme, reflecting the critical importance of these issues in a changing and dynamic environment.

As a Committee we will endeavour to maintain the best possible transition to any new regime and whilst interpreting our role and remit widely, maintain a real focus and emphasis on the changes to the standards framework and the need to pre-empt, prevent, protect the Authority on standards matters and an over-arching and robust ethical framework.

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Planned Work Programme

The Kent Police Authority Standards Committee Annual Plan is brief and targeted; it is intended as a work programme to structure and prioritise the activities during 2010/11, maintaining the main areas of focus and is set out in the table below together with indicative dates / timescales and ownership.

MAIN ACTIVITIES	INDICATIVE TIMESCALES & 'OWNER'
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member Training and Development (DC) 	Provisionally scheduled Member Briefing Session 25 Aug 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SC Recruitment/Succession Planning (MG) 	Pending prior to CLG announcement concerning new standards regime
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member Seminar Kent-Essex (possibly regional) (MG) 	Tentatively planned for 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member-Officer Protocol (MG) 	Chief Executive to present proposal to July Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair's 360⁰ Appraisal (DC) 	Not due in 2011 – Carried forward to April – May 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance Register (MG) 	Chief Executive to report to July Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up on new SI's (MG) 	Provisionally scheduled for Sept Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Sponsorship Policy (MG) 	Provisionally scheduled for Sept Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website functionality (MG) 	Chief Executive to report to July Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member Review process 	2011 exercise to include specific focus on time commitments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaison and joint working with Kent and Medway Joint Appointments Committee 	Focus timing on completion of JAC's review