

Taunton Deane Borough Council

**Draft Performance Indicators for the Standards
Committee 2010/2011**

(Modifications are shown in bold italic)

Objective	Indicator	Target	How/why measured?	Achieved? Yes/No?
Good Governance practices				
	Adherence to the Standards for England Guidelines for the operation of the Committee.	To make sure the Committee is operating in accordance with the latest guidelines.	Annual assessment against the guidelines.	
	Training of Members of the Committee to maintain full awareness of latest Code of Conduct requirements and Standards for England guidance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Keeping Members informed of the latest information, for example the Standards for England newsletters; (2) Provision of Member training into the new Code of Conduct or other relevant guidance/information; (3) Feedback from external training events to be submitted to the next scheduled meeting of the Standards Committee to ensure other Members are able to share newly acquired information/ideas. 	To ensure the knowledge of Members on matters relating to Standards is kept up to date.	

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Training and the promotion of high ethical standards				
	Training for all new Borough and Parish Councillors and Clerks.	90% to receive suitable training on the Code of Conduct within three months of election and 100% within six months.	By keeping an accurate training record.	
	Provision of refresher Code of Conduct training, as appropriate, for existing Members of Councils in Taunton Deane.	Refresher training to be arranged on an annual basis to ensure Members are fully aware of the Code of Conduct.	By keeping an accurate training record.	
Awareness Raising				
	Taunton Deane Committee meetings to be attended by independent Standards Committee Members.	To raise awareness of the work of the Standards Committee with Members of the Council.	Attendance log to be kept.	
	Meetings with Group Leaders and Chief	To provide Members of the Committee with the opportunity to meet and discuss		

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	Executive.	issues with the political Group Leaders and the Chief Executive on at least an annual basis.		
	Parish Council meetings attended by Independent Standards Committee Members	To raise awareness of the work of the Standards Committee with Members of the Parish Councils in Taunton Deane.	Attendance log to be kept.	
	Evidence of Member awareness of Code of Conduct	To ensure Members of the Council are fully aware of the Code of Conduct and its implications.	By way of the Ethical Governance Questionnaire.	
	Number of complaints made against Members of the Borough and Parish Councils resulting in adverse publicity.	No <i>more than two incidents in total</i> against Borough or Parish Council Members.	Reference to the complaints spreadsheet presented to each meeting of the Standards Committee.	
Efficiency				
	Compliance with the timescales set out in the protocol established to deal with complaints	All complaints to be dealt with within protocol timescales.	Reference to the complaints spreadsheet presented to	

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	received against Councillors.		each meeting of the Standards Committee.	
	Ensure recommendations made by the Standards Committee are <i>included in the Corporate Improvement Plan with the aim of their adoption by the Council.</i>	Adoption of recommendations within a reasonable timescale. <i>(It is recognised that the timescale will vary depending on the nature of specific recommendations.)</i> <i>It also needs to be noted that the adoption of recommendations is outside the direct control of the Standards Committee.</i>	To ensure properly made recommendations have been <i>considered and, where appropriate,</i> adopted by the Council.	