

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**CORPORATE SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

REFERENCE FROM (OLD) STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**1. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE INTRODUCTION
AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW STANDARDS REGIME**

1.1. Prior to its abolition, the old Standards Committee gave detailed consideration to the implementation of the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 relating to the ethical standards regime, and made numerous recommendations to the Council. In addition, the Committee felt that arrangements should be put in place to monitor and evaluate the introduction and implementation of the new regime. This could cover, for example, the following:-

- The adoption of the Kent Model Code of Conduct and the arrangements for registering and declaring interests and providing training for Members and Officers on the new Code;
- The implementation of the arrangements under which allegations of non-compliance with the Code can be investigated and decisions made, including the role of the Independent Person;
- The arrangements made to publicise the new Code of Conduct and complaints handling arrangements;
- The arrangements for dealing with applications for dispensations; and
- The arrangements for discharging the other functions carried out by the former Standards Committee.

1.2. It was suggested that the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee be requested to consider including this exercise as a topic in its future work programme.

1.3. RECOMMENDED: That the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider including the monitoring and evaluation of the introduction and implementation of the new ethical standards regime as a topic in its future work programme.