

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE
18 JUNE 2008**

THE COMMITTEE'S WORK PLAN

2008	
1 October (or 24 September)	
2009	
21 January	
18 March	

The Committee at its meeting on 23 January 2008 identified the following areas for inclusion in its work plan:

- Local Assessments including Joint Training
- Joint Working Arrangements
- Arrangements for Mediation
- Publicity
- Changes to the Constitution
- Working with the Leadership, Scrutiny and Final Accounts and Audit Committees
- Progress Report at each meeting on preparations for One Council for Wiltshire
- Annual Report on Complaints
- Annual Review of Whistle Blowing Policy
- Ombudsman's Annual Letter
- Staff Code of Conduct

- Wider role of Committee – to reconsider Committee’s terms of reference
- Annual Audit and Inspection Letter (if it contains any ethical governance issues)

As can be seen from the above list, the Committee has already identified quite a heavy workload for itself with a number of areas that the Committee should indeed be examining. However, as this is a transitional year prior to the Council becoming a unitary council in April 2009, the Committee may consider it necessary from a practical and realistic point of view, to prioritise its workload and focus its efforts on key areas.

The main area of activity for the Committee would appear to be to continue to work with the district councils over harmonisation of documentation and procedures to ensure a consistent approach within Wiltshire, the shaping of the Committee under the new authority and overseeing the preparations for a new Constitution.

Members views are sought in relation to drawing up the Committee’s work plan for its next 3 meetings.

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