

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Standards Committee

Date: 13 December 2024

Subject: Work Programme

Report of: Nicola Ward, Deputy Head of Governance, GMCA

Purpose of Report

This report provides the Standards Committee an overview of their current work programme, policies within their remit and the last time they were reviewed.

Recommendations:

The GMCA Standards Committee is requested to consider their current work programme.

Contact Officers:

Nicola Ward, Deputy Head of Governance, GMCA.

1. Introduction/Background

The GMCA Standards Committee was established to deal with matters relating to member conduct and ethical standards, it also reviews certain GMCA policies in relation to the Code of Conduct, Code of Corporate Governance and Whistleblowing.

The Committee is comprised of five members of the GMCA (none of whom shall be the Mayor) and an Independent Member, who is also appointed as Chair.

Since 2019, the Committee have considered reports on the following areas –

- Code of Corporate Governance
- Code of Conduct
- Member / Officer relations
- GMCA Complaints Procedure
- Whistleblowing
- Dealing with complaints under the Code of Conduct
- Standards in Public Life

2. Work Programme 2024/25

The current work programme below is a working document and subject to change.

Meeting date	Item	Last reviewed by Standards	Notes
Late 2024	Terms of Reference	Dec 23	
	Code of Conduct	Feb 23	
	Gifts & Hospitality	-	
Early 2025	Register of Members Interest	Dec 21	

3. Policies which are within the remit of the GMCA Standards Committee

This table provides a list of all the policies which are within the remit of the GMCA Standards Committee, the last time they were reviewed and when they are next to be reviewed. This provides members with complete oversight of their functions and outcomes.

Policy	Review of any significant changes	Detailed review	Notes
The Code of Corporate Governance	As and when required following change in legislation	Every 3 years	Last reviewed December 2023
Members' Code of Conduct	As and when required following change in legislation	Every year	Last reviewed February 2023
Arrangements for dealing with a complaint in relation to the Code of Conduct	As and when required following change in legislation	Every 3 years in line with a review of the constitution	Last reviewed February 2023
Gifts and Hospitality	As and when required following change in legislation	Every 2 years	
The Member/Officer Relations Protocol	As and when required following change in legislation	Every 2 years in line with a review of the constitution	Last reviewed February 2023
Complaints and Whistleblowing Policy	As and when required following change in legislation	Every 2 years	Last reviewed February 2023
Register of Members Interests	As and when required following change in legislation	Every 3 years	Last reviewed December 2021
GMCA Complaints Procedure	As and when required following change in legislation	Every 3 years	Last reviewed December 2023