

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Standards Committee **DATE:** 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2008

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### **PART I** **FOR DECISION**

#### **STANDARDS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval to a minor amendment to its terms of reference in advance of the more detailed review to accommodate the introduction of the "local filter" for handling complaints regarding Members which is expected to be implemented in June 2008.

##### **2. Recommendation/Proposed Action**

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to recommend to the Member Panel on the Constitution that sub-paragraph 8(i) of Article 9 in Part 2 and the corresponding section in Part 3 of the Constitution should be amended to provide for the submission of its Annual Report to Council for information only.

##### **3. Key Priorities – Taking Pride in Slough and making a Difference to Communities and our Environment**

**Priority 5** – Maintaining excellent governance within the Council to ensure that it is efficient, effective and economic in everything it does.

##### **4. Other Implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial, legal (including Human Rights) implications arising from this report.

##### **5. Background/Supporting Information**

- 5.1 The Council's Constitution requires the Committee, in conjunction with the Monitoring Officer, to produce an Annual Report for submission to full Council on matters within the purview of the Committee. Currently the Standards Committee's Annual Report is submitted to Council for approval and the view is that as the Report is the Committee's own account of its actions for the preceding year it should be submitted to Council for information only. This would not preclude the Council from commenting on the content of the Report and making recommendations thereon to the Committee if it so wished.

5.2 Accordingly, it is proposed that sub-paragraph 8(i) of Article 9 in Part 2 and the corresponding section in Part 3 of the Constitution should be amended to read as follows:

“ In conjunction with the Monitoring Officer to produce an Annual Report for submission to Council for information on matters within the purview of the Committee”

## **6. Background Papers**

Article 9 of Part 2 of the Council’s Constitution.