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## ETHICAL GOVERNANCE HEALTH CHECK – ACTION PLAN

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update for Members on the progress with regard to the Standards Committee's ethical governance health check action plan.

### 2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 On 5 July 2007 this Committee received a report and agreed an eleven-point action plan arising out of the light-touch ethical governance health check carried out by the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) and Audit Commission on 27 and 28 March 2007.
- 2.2 The action plan is attached at appendix 1 with information on progress and outcomes to date.

### 3 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Standards Committee will fail in its responsibility to promote and maintain high standards of conduct if it does not have regard to the recommendations arising out of the health check and the authority's reputation will be put at risk.

### 4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are resources implications with regard to training, appointments, development of access to services, etc. but these are cross-cutting issues to be addressed within the Council's improvement programme and with their own budget provision. The Committee needs to ensure best use of resources to achieve the authority's aims.

### 5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Members of Parish and Town Councils are subject to the National Code of Conduct.

### 6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is proposed that subject to Members' comment, the Committee **RESOLVES** to note the progress made and endorse the current ethical governance health check action plan.

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**Background Papers:-**

None

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