

**Agenda Item No.5 (b)**

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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**4 July 2018**

**Report of the Director of Legal Services**

**REVIEW OF ETHICAL GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

To inform the Committee about the proposal of the new Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer to review the Council's governance framework, to discuss the future work programme of the Committee and to introduce a presentation on the new data protection legislation.

**2. Information and Analysis**

Janie Berry is the new Director of Legal Services and the Council's Monitoring Officer. She commenced in post in May 2018 and is implementing a review of the Council's governance framework, including both the assurance framework and the ethical governance framework, in order to ensure that it meets legislative requirements.

It is proposed that the review will include a review of the Constitution and the Code of Conduct for Members. The terms of reference of the Standards Committee include advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members' Code of Conduct and oversight of the Constitution. Therefore, it is proposed that Members be involved in developing any revisions to the Code of Conduct and the Constitution through the creation of working groups. Initially, Members' views are sought as to their perception of the ethical governance framework and how this could be developed.

Members will also be aware that new data protection legislation has been implemented. The requirements of this new legislation will have to be taken into account in developing the governance framework. Elizabeth Wild,

Principal Solicitor, will attend at the meeting on behalf of Simon Hobbs, Deputy Director of Legal Services and Data Protection Officer, to give a presentation to inform Members of the new data protection regime and the work done by the Council to implement the required changes.

**3. Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors have also been considered: financial, legal and human rights, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

**4. Background Papers**

The file held on behalf of the Director of Legal Services.

**5. Officer's Recommendation**

To note the proposals to review the governance framework of the Council and the presentation regarding the new data protection legislation.

**Janie Berry**  
**Director of Legal Services**