

# **Report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

## **Report of: Constitution & Member Services SSP**

**Date of meeting: 28 February 2011**

**Subject: Councillor Accountability Statements**

**Chairman: Councillor Mrs M McEwen**



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### **Recommendation:**

**That a report be submitted to the Council recommending:**

- (a) approval of the Member Accountability Statements;**
- (b) when adopted by the Council, the Accountability Statements be referred to the Remuneration Panel to assist them in advising the Council on Member Remuneration;**
- (c) the deferral of work on Accountability Statements in respect of the Standards Committee; and**
- (d) preparation of Accountability Statements for the Audit and Governance Committee for future discussion by that body.**

### **Report:**

1. At the Council meeting on 20 April 2010, the following resolution was adopted (Minute 169(18)):  
  
"That Overview and Scrutiny be asked to refer the Member Role Accountability Statements which had been revised in order to reflect the changing role of members, to the Constitution and Member Services Standing Scrutiny Panel with a view to recommendations being made for their adoption after consultation with the Remuneration Panel and the Standards Committee as appropriate".
2. This resolution was referred for consideration by this Panel at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 12 July 2010 (Minute 23). Draft statements were considered at the Panel meeting on 9 November 2010 and various changes requested.
3. Copies of the revised draft statements are attached in the Appendix to this report.
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6. We draw to the Committee's attention to a statement in respect of a Deputy Portfolio Holder which has already been adopted by the Council on 2 November 2010.
7. We recommend that, in view of the limited life of the current standards regime, the preparation of statements concerning the Standards Committee should be deferred. However, we also recommend that officers prepare statements in respect of that Committee for further consideration by the latter.
8. We recommend as set out at the commencement of this report.