

Report to the Council

Committee: Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date: 29 March 2011

Chairman: Councillor Richard Morgan

Item: 13

MEMBER ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENTS

Recommending:

- (1) That the Member Accountability Statements attached to this report (Appendices 1 - 10) be approved and referred to the Remuneration Panel to assist them in advising the Council on Member Remuneration;**
 - (2) That work on Accountability Statements in respect of the Standards Committee be deferred; and**
 - (3) That Accountability Statements for the Audit and Governance Committee be prepared for future discussion by that Committee and the Council.**
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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 the Constitution and Member Services Standing Scrutiny Panel (SSP) which considered drafts at its meetings on 9 November 2010 and 15 February 2011.

... 3. Copies of the revised draft statements are attached in Appendices 1 - 10 to this report.

4. 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 the Audit and Governance Committee for further consideration by the latter and by the Council.

5. We recommend as set out at the commencement of this report.