

Work programme for Democratic Services Committee [DSC]

Revisions to the Constitution will be an ongoing item on the programme and will be added to agendas as required.

2024

| Date | Items | Comment |
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| 8 January | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Ways of Working and Council meetings – member survey 2023 • Review of Social Media Guide for Members • Revisions to Constitution | <p>Referred by Council May 2023</p> <p>Social Media policy for staff also being reviewed</p> |
| 22 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Personal Safety Guidance for Members • Reflect on the 2022 Induction programme – develop a questionnaire for members – views will influence the development of the next induction programme • Review of information provided as part of Induction programme and information provided for potential candidates • eLearning – review the difficulties completing online training on the NHS eLearning platform | |
| 2 September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Champions – an initial review was undertaken by DSC in July 2021 but was not progressed. | |
| 24 November | | |

The following issues have been highlighted by the Standards Committee as a result of its meetings with Group Leaders and it has asked that these be referred to DSC for consideration. These will be considered in the above as appropriate:

- Pastoral care and wellbeing of members or continuing professional development
- Training on effective behaviour and ways of asking questions and constructively challenging a policy, rather than the individual should be considered
- Information needs to be provided for anyone considering standing at an election regarding the role of a councillor and what it entails and signposting

candidates to the Code of Conduct and Ethical requirements. [The Standards Committee was advised that prior to the 2022 election information on such issues was made available on the Council website for candidates.] – link this with the second bullet point above

- Difficulties completing online training on the NHS eLearning platform.