

MONITORING OFFICER ISSUES

1. Ethical Governance Audit process:-
 - (a) policy/procedures desk top study
 - (b) Members/Officers survey
2. Confidential Reporting Audit – L & A
3. Standards Committee Training Event (eg Sandra Moss)
4. Ethics/Probity Event/Seminar – All Members (J. Teasdale, J. Ralston)
5. Monitoring Officer support -
 - (a) Legal
 - (b) Democratic Services
6. Legal Best Value Review – Monitoring Officer support/resource issues
7. Probity/Joint Audits/Governance Issues:-
 - (a) DOF/DB/IA
 - (b) CX
8. Members -
 - (a) Registers of Interests
 - (b) Gifts & Hospitality
9. Revised/Reissued Information regarding Monitoring Officer role
10. Protocols/Guidance:-
 - (a) District Audit/Monitoring Officer
 - (b) Member/Officer working relationships
 - (c) Planning
 - (d) Licensing
 - (e) Partnerships (various)
 - (f) YOTs
 - (g) DATs
 - (h) Safer Stockton
 - (i) Renaissance Boards
 - (j) Social Services and Health
 - (k) Education
 - (l) Libraries
 - (m) Others
11. To clarify position re any certificates issued under the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997.
12. To review any guidance which may be issued by the Standards Board in relation to the qualifications or experience which monitoring officers should possess.

13. To consider and advise Council upon protocols issued by Standards Board regarding complaints handling by the Board, Police, District Audit or Audit Commission, Ombudsman etc.
14. To review and keep up to date the Council's procurement and contracting arrangements and provisions eg taking into account implications of Competition Act 1998, the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999; the Data Protection Act 1998; the Human Rights Act 1998; the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998.
15. Producing, maintaining and monitoring use of (a) Partnership protocol/guidance.
16. Producing, maintaining and monitoring implementation of a "legislation" protocol.
17. Guidance/protection for Officers/Members complying with ESO requests for information/documentation, where such information or documentation may be confidential or "exempt" – codes of conduct; employment contracts etc.