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**TITLE OF REPORT:** Committee on Standards in Public Life

**REPORT OF:** Mike Barker, Acting Chief Executive and Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance

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### **Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Audit and Standards Committee of the activities undertaken by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (CSPL) during 2015 – 16.

### **Background**

2. The Committee on Standards in Public Life monitors, reports and makes recommendations on all issues relating to standards in public life. This includes not only the standards of conduct of holders of public office, but all those involved in the delivery of public services
3. The Committee is an independent advisory non-departmental public body (NDPB) it is not founded in statute and has no legal powers to compel witnesses to provide evidence or to enforce its recommendations.

### **Annual Report 2015 – 16**

4. The Annual Report (Appendix 1) provides an overview of the activities undertaken by the CSPL during 2015 - 16.
5. The report also identifies the Forward Plan of topics for consideration by the CSPL during 2016 – 17, as follows:
  - Operation of Referenda.
  - Ethical Standards for Providers of Public Services.
  - Local Government.
  - Party Funding.

### **Recommendation**

6. The Committee is asked to note the information contained in Appendix 1.