

COUNCIL

11 April 2022

REVISED MEMBER'S CODE OF CONDUCT AND REVISED ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH CONDUCT ALLEGATIONS

Report of the Conduct Committee

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| Strategic Aim: | All | |
| Exempt Information | No | |
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| Ward Councillors | N/A | |

DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council, on the recommendation of the Conduct Committee:

1. Approves the adoption of the revised Code of Conduct at Appendix A
2. Approves the adoption of the revised Arrangements for dealing with Conduct Allegations at Appendix B.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present the revised Member's Code of Conduct and Arrangements for dealing with Conduct Allegations to Council for adoption.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The Localism Act 2011 requires the Council to promote and maintain high standards of conduct. In discharging this duty, the Council is required to adopt a Code dealing with the conduct that is expected of its members and co-opted members.
- 2.2 The Council also must agree Arrangements under which allegations that a

member or co-opted member of the Council or of a town or parish council within its area has failed to comply with the relevant Code of Conduct can be investigated and decisions made on such allegations.

2.3 The current Member Code of Conduct and Arrangements were respectively adopted by Council on 9 March 2015 and 1 July 2012 and are considered by the Monitoring Officer to be in need of updating.

2.4 Report No. 61/2022 and Report No. 62/2022 were considered by the Conduct Committee on 22 March 2022. These set out revised versions of the Code of Conduct and Arrangements for dealing with Conduct Allegations.

2.5 The Conduct Committee unanimously resolved to recommend approval of the revised Code of Conduct and Arrangements to Council, and the final documents are presented to Council in the appendices to this report.

3 CONSULTATION

3.1 The revised Member's Code of Conduct and Arrangements for dealing with Conduct Allegations were considered by the Conduct Committee on 22 March 2022.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 Not to adopt the revised Member's Code of Conduct and Arrangements for dealing with Conduct Allegations, this is not recommended due to the justifications for the changes set out in Report No. 61/2022 and Report No. 62/2022.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 As set out in Report No. 61/2022 and Report No. 62/2022.

6 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 As set out in Report No. 61/2022 and Report No. 62/2022.

7 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

7.1 As set out in Report No. 61/2022 and Report No. 62/2022.

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8.1 As set out in Report No 61/2022 and Report No. 62/2022.

9 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 As set out in Report No. 61/2022 and Report No. 62/2022.

10 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

As set out in Report No 61/2022 and Report No. 62/2022.

11 ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 As set out in Report No. 61/2022 and Report No. 62/2022.

12 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 The revised Member's Code of Conduct and Arrangements for dealing with allegations need updating.

13 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 13.1 Item's 7 and 8 of the agenda and minutes of the Conduct Committee on 22 March 2022: Report No. 61/2022 and Report No. 62/2022.

14 APPENDICES

- 14.1 Appendix A: Revised Member's Code of Conduct
- 14.2 Appendix B: Revised Arrangements for Dealing with Conduct Allegations.

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