

Report to COUNCIL

REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

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1 Background

- 1.1 The LGA have reviewed the Members Code of Conduct which all local authorities have a legal requirement to have and have produced a revised Code for consideration. Whilst the principles in the draft Code are similar to the existing Code, the intention of the revised Code is to provide clarity for members on obligations under the Code and clarify the paragraphs on member interests.
- 1.2 The Standards Committee have considered the draft and recommend the revised Code for approval.
- 1.3 The revised Code is attached at Appendix 1. Guidance has also been issued by the LGA which will be circulated to members. If the Code is approved, training on the new Code will be provided to all members.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Council to consider the approval of the revised Members Code

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 None

4. Legal Services Comments

- 4.1 Contained within the report

5. Human Resources Comments

5.1 None

6. Risk Assessments

6.1 None

7. IT Implications

7.1 N/A

8. Property Implications

8.1 None

9. Procurement Implications

9.1 N/A

10. Environmental and Health & Safety Implications

10.1 N/A

11. Equality, community cohesion and crime implications

11.1 N/A

12. Equality Impact Assessment Completed?

12.1 N/A

13. Key Decision

13.1 No

14. Key Decision Reference

14.1 N/A

15. Background Papers

The following is a list of background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 . It does not include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act;

Name of file : LGA model member code
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