

Report to Council

Code of Conduct Amendment

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Recommendation

Members are requested to consider the proposed amendment to the Code of Conduct.

1 Background

- 1.1 The Council have agreed a Members Code of Conduct which has been re-confirmed this year.
- 1.2 At its meeting on the 12th July 2023, Council resolved to develop and adopt a mandatory duty to report safeguarding concerns, including child sexual abuse and exploitation, into the Members Code of Conduct.
- 1.3 Council is asked to consider the following proposed paragraph for insertion into the code of conduct at paragraph 11, which has been recommended by the Standards Committee - "If any member has any safeguarding concerns, including child sexual abuse and exploitation, in connection with any person, it is the duty of the member to report these concerns to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)".

2 Financial Implications

- 2.1 N/A

3 Legal Implications

- 3.1 N/A

4 Co-operative Implications

- 4.1 N/A

5 Human Resource Implications

5.1	N/A
6	Risk Assessments
6.1	N/A
7	IT Implications
7.1	N/A
8	Property Implications
8.1	N/A
9	Procurement Implications
9.1	N/A
10	Environmental and Health & Safety Implications
10.1	N/A
11	Community cohesion disorder including crime and disorder implications Crime and Disorder Act 1998
11.1	N/A
12	Oldham Equality Impact Assessment including implications for Children and Young People)
12.1	As detailed in the report, this duty will assist in strengthening safeguarding.
13	Key Decision
13.1	N/A
14	Background Papers
14.1	None
15	Appendix
15.1	None