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All members of the
Standards Committee

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Supplementary Agenda

Standards Committee - Wednesday, 28 July 2021

Dear Councillor

I enclose the following items which were marked 'to follow' on the agenda for the Standards Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, 28 July 2021:

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| 3. | Establishment of the Committee System Working Group | 3 - 4 |
| | To consider the establishment of the Committee System Working Group with the members and remit as set out in the report. | |
| 4. | Code of Conduct Guidance | 5 - 6 |
| | Members are asked to note the contents of the Code of Conduct Guidance. | |
| 6. | Update on complaints relating to the Code of Conduct | 7 - 8 |
| | The Committee is asked to note the decisions taken by the Monitoring Officer in relation to the complaints detailed in the report. | |

Yours sincerely

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To the members of the Standards Committee

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COMMITTEE SYSTEM WORKING GROUP

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Membership

Members: - All Group Leaders

Attendance: - Members are not obliged to attend in person and may attend the meeting by electronic means via conference call or similar.

Officers in attendance: - Group Head of Corporate Governance, Committee Support Officer, Principal Committee Manager, and any other officer by invitation.

Responsibilities

Monitoring of objectives

To consider whether the system is meeting the Council's objectives.

To recommend any amendments to the system to the Standard's committee where such is required to meet those objectives.

Recommendation of amendments

To consider whether any adjustments or amendments are required to ensure the smooth operation of the system and to make recommendations to the Standards Committee where required.

Frequency

Day-time meetings as required.

Decision and minutes

This working group has **no** formal decision-making powers.

Any matters which require a Councillor decision will require a report to the Standards Committee for their decision.

Minutes will be taken and these minutes will be placed on the secure area of mod.gov for all councillors but are to remain confidential.

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Standards Committee



29 July 2021

Title	Guidance to support new Code of Conduct
Purpose of the report	To note
Report Author	Victoria Statham, Group Head of Corporate Governance
Ward(s) Affected	All wards
Exempt	No
Corporate Priority	This item is not in the current list of Corporate Priorities but still requires a Committee decision
Recommendations	Committee is asked to: Note the guidance on the model Councillor Code of Conduct issued by the Local Government Association (LGA)
Reason for Recommendation	To make the committee aware of the guidance issued.

1. Key issues

- 1.1 At the Member's Code of Conduct meeting on the 4 February 2021 the committee resolved to recommend to the Council the adoption of the LGA new model Councillor Code of Conduct. This was duly adopted by the Council on the 25 March 2021.
- 1.2 On the 8 July 2021 the LGA issued their supporting guidance which is aimed to help understanding and consistency of approach towards the code. In the words of the LGA "The code, together with the guidance, has been designed to protect our democratic role, encourage good conduct, and safeguard the public's trust and confidence in the role of councillor in local government."
- 1.3 This supporting guidance is comprehensive and provides useful guidance to this committee and the Monitoring Officer.
- 1.4 This supporting guidance is available at <https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/guidance-local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct#part-2-general-obligations-under-the-code-of-conduct>

2. Options analysis and proposal

- 2.1 This report is to bring the guidance to the attention of this committee and to note the supporting guidance

3. Financial implications

3.1 There are none.

4. Other considerations

4.1 There are no other considerations to highlight.

5. Equality and Diversity

5.1 This does not have any direct equality and diversity impacts.

6. Sustainability/Climate Change Implications

6.1 This does not have any direct sustainability/climate change implications.

7. Timetable for implementation

7.1 The consultation for the delegations will take place as soon as possible after the committee decision to ensure that this inquiry is commenced quickly.

Background papers:

There are none.

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