

Report from the Chairman on the work of the Members Code of Conduct Committee (MCCC)

This report gives an overview of the main issues considered at the meeting held on 4 February 2021.

1. New model Code of Conduct

- 1.1 The Committee considered a report that proposed a recommendation to Council the adoption of the new Local Government Association (LGA) Model Code of Conduct from the date of Annual Council.
- 1.2 The Committee noted that the Code paid particular attention to ensuring people were treated with respect, that bullying and harassment were clearly defined, and that members must not behave in a manner that would bring the Council into disrepute.
- 1.3 The Committee agreed that they supported the adoption of the Code and that committee members should lead the way by adhering to the Code and showing respect to each other.
- 1.4 The Committee resolved to recommend that Council approve the adoption of the new LGA Model Code of Conduct from the date of the Annual Council meeting.

2. Committee of Standards in Public Life Recommendations - Update

- 2.1 The Committee received an update from the Group Head of Corporate Governance and noted that the Council had complied with a number of the best practice recommendations and that any outstanding areas would be addressed as part of the Constitution review and the Councils change to a committee system governance model.

3. Update on complaints relating to the Code of Conduct

- 3.1 Members of the Committee received an update on complaints and noted the decisions taking by the Monitoring Officer in relation to the complaints detailed in the report.

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Chairman of the Members Code of Conduct Committee

25 February 2021.