

# Standards Committee



29 July 2021

<b>Title</b>	Guidance to support new Code of Conduct
<b>Purpose of the report</b>	To note
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<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	All wards
<b>Exempt</b>	No
<b>Corporate Priority</b>	This item is not in the current list of Corporate Priorities but still requires a Committee decision
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Committee is asked to:</b> Note the guidance on the model Councillor Code of Conduct issued by the Local Government Association (LGA)
<b>Reason for Recommendation</b>	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.**