



## Council Report

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**Report of:** Gillian Duckworth, Monitoring Officer

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**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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**Subject:** Updated Code of Conduct for Members

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**Summary:** to request that full Council adopt the updated Members Code of Conduct, following agreement with Audit and Standards Committee to adopt the LGA model code of conduct incorporating elements of the current code of conduct.

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**Recommendations:** that Full Council adopts the updated Members Code of Conduct following agreement by Audit and Standards Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

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### Background Papers:

LGA Model Code of Conduct

Full Council report dated 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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**Category of Report:** OPEN

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## Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

<b>Financial Implications</b>
NO - Cleared by: Paul Schofield
<b>Legal Implications</b>
YES - Cleared by: Andrea Simpson
<b>Equality of Opportunity Implications</b>
NO - Cleared by:
<b>Tackling Health Inequalities Implications</b>
NO
<b>Human rights Implications</b>
NO:
<b>Environmental and Sustainability implications</b>
NO
<b>Economic impact</b>
NO
<b>Community safety implications</b>
NO
<b>Human resources implications</b>
NO
<b>Property implications</b>
NO
<b>Area(s) affected</b>
None
<b>Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Member</b>
Councillor Julie Grocutt Cabinet Member for Governance
<b>Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?</b>
NO
<b>Press release</b>
NO

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Local Government Association (LGA) published a new Model Code of Conduct for councils to consider using.
- 1.2 The model code strengthens the best practise around bullying and harassment and use of social media.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Full Council had prior to the new Model Code being published, agreed a revised Code of Conduct for members at its meeting in January 2021.
- 2.3 At the meeting in February 2021, the Audit and Standards Committee agreed a further revision to adopt the LGA Model Code of Conduct and incorporate some of the additional requirements set out in the Council's current Code approved by full Council in January 2021.

## **3.0 MAIN BODY OF THE REPORT**

Including Legal, Financial and all other relevant implications (if any)

- 3.1 Appended to this report is a copy of the revised code of conduct based on the LGA's model code of conduct and incorporating the additional requirements as set out in the Council's existing Members' Code of Conduct. These additional requirements are shown in italics for ease of reference.

### **Legal Implications**

- 3.2 The Council has a duty under section 27 of the Localism Act 2011 to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members of the authority and in particular to adopt a code dealing with the conduct of members and co-opted members when acting in that capacity. These duties must be exercised by Full Council.

### **Financial Implications**

- 3.3 There are no significant or material financial implications relating to the adoption of the new Members' Code of Conduct. Members may require training and development which will be picked up through the Members' Development Programme and the Members' training budget.

### **Equality Implications**

- 3.4 There are no equalities implications.

### **Recommendations**

- 3.5 That Full Council are asked to adopt the updated Members Code of Conduct following agreement by Audit and Standards Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

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