

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 25 February 2021

Report submitted by: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
None;

Report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee (Part A)
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

Full Council is asked to consider the recommendations of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee in relation to the Code of Conduct for members.

Recommendation

That Full Council be asked that:

- (i) The changes proposed to the Code of Conduct as detailed in Appendices 'A' and 'B' to the report to Audit Risk and Governance Committee be approved.
- (ii) The Local Government Association model Code of Conduct be considered further by the Political Governance Working Group, with recommendations from that group being considered by the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee to agree recommendations to Full Council.

Background and Advice

At its meeting on 25 January 2021, the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee considered the report attached as Appendix 'A'.

That report considered several changes to the Code of Conduct for Members, which are set out in Appendices 'A' and 'B' to that report. Those changes are now recommended to the Full Council for approval.

The Committee also considered a model Code of Conduct developed by the Local Government Association. This model Code would represent a complete change to the existing Code. The Audit, Risk and Governance Committee therefore considered it appropriate that the Political Governance Working Group be invited to consider the model Code in detail and present findings and proposals back to the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee in order that recommendations for Full Council could be prepared as appropriate.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no significant financial implications

The council is required to have a Code of Conduct for Councillors, in line with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011. The council's current Code meets those requirements.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A