

Meeting of the Full Council
Meeting to be held on Thursday, 26 May 2022

Report submitted by: Head of Legal, Governance and Registration Services

Part A

Electoral Division affected:
N/A;

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;

Report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee - Members' and Co-opted Members' Code of Conduct

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Brief Summary

This report presents the recommendation of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee from its meeting on 25 April 2022, regarding the Members' and Co-opted Members' Code of Conduct.

Recommendation

Full Council is asked to consider the recommendation of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee and approve that:

- (i) The threshold at which councillors must declare gifts and hospitality offered or received in their roles as councillors be increased from £25 to £50; and
- (ii) Subject to (i) above, the Director of Corporate Services be authorised to make the consequential changes to the county council's Constitution.

Detail

At its meeting on 25 April 2022, the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee considered the findings of the Political Governance Working Group's review of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

At that meeting, the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee supported the recommendation of the Political Governance Working Group to retain the existing Code of Conduct, and resolved that Full Council be recommended to approve that

the threshold at which councillors must declare gifts and hospitality offered or received in their role as councillors be increased from £25 to £50.

Full Council is therefore asked to consider the recommendation of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee.

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A