

WARDS AFFECTED All Wards

FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:

Standards Committee

5th September 2013

Standards 'Code' & 'Arrangements' - revisions

Report of the Monitoring Officer

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek the approval of Standards Committee and Full Council to the revised "Code" and "Arrangements" for dealing with complaints against Members and co-opted Members under the Localism Act 2011.

2. SUMMARY

The Council adopted a new Code of Conduct (and associated 'Arrangements') on 1st July 2012 pursuant to changes in the law. The attached Appendices represent minor modifications to that documentation, based on the first full-year's experience of operating the Scheme. The changes are largely designed to make the processes easier to follow, or to provide clarification of meaning.

3. **RECOMMENDATIONS (OR OPTIONS)**

That the Standards Committee receives the revised version of the Code and the Arrangements and makes comments thereon. The approved version will be submitted to Full Council on 19th September for inclusion in the Constitution, as part of a wider review/update of the latter document.

4. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

4.1. Financial Implications

None

4.2 Legal Implications

The report is concerned throughout with legal implications. The changes are required as a result of legislative changes brought about by <u>The Localism Act 2011</u>.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph Within the Report	References
Equal Opportunities	NO		
Policy	YES		
Sustainable and Environmental	NO		
Crime and Disorder	YES		
Human Rights Act	NO		
Elderly/People on Low Income	NO		
Corporate Parenting	NO		

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

7. CONSULTATIONS

8. **REPORT AUTHOR**

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