

## Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

**9 April 2019**

<b>Subject:</b>	Annual Report of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee 2018-19
<b>Director:</b>	Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer - Surjit Tour
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### **DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That Council:**

1. Receive and note the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee Annual Report for 2018-19.

#### **1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The Council established an Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee to promote and maintain high standards of conduct and ethical governance by Elected and Co-opted Members of the Council.
- 1.2 The Committee is required to submit an annual report to Council detailing the work undertaken throughout the year.

#### **2 IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION**

- 2.1 Through its work in promoting high standards of conduct, the Committee makes a positive contribution to the effective governance of the authority.

### **3 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no strategic resource implications arising from this report.

### **4 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

4.1 The Localism Act 2011 removed the requirement for a national code of conduct and statutory standards committees. The Act places a general obligation on the Council to promote and maintain high standards of member conduct. Further details are set out within the Annual Report appended to this Report.

### **5 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

5.1 An equality impact assessment is not required.

### **6 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

6.1 A data protection impact assessment is not required.

### **7 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

7.1 There are no crime and disorder issues arising from this report.

### **8 SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS**

8.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

### **9 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE)**

9.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.

### **10 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND**

10.1 There is no impact on any Council managed property arising from this report.

### **11 APPENDICES**

Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee Annual Report  
2018-19

**Surjit Tour**  
**Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer**