

**Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee**

**19 March 2019**

<b>Subject:</b>	Committee on Standards in Public Life – Local Authority Ethical Standards – Stakeholder Consultation Outcome Report
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**DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee:**

1. Notes the report published by the Committee on Standards in Public Life – Local Government Ethical Standards, as attached.

**1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

**1.1 Local Authority Ethical Standards: Stakeholder Consultation**

The Committee on Standards in Public Life has published its report on Local Authority Ethical Standards, following responses to its consultation to inform its review of local government ethical standards (attached at Appendix 1).

**2 IMPLICATIONS FOR VISION 2030**

- 2.1 Through its work in promoting high standards of conduct, the Committee makes a positive contribution to the council's governance and decision-making arrangements of the authority.

### **3 CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)**

- 3.1 The Committee on Standards in Public Life invited responses to its consultation to inform its review of local government ethical standards.

### **4 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no strategic resource implications arising from this report.

### **5 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

- 5.1 The Committee on Standards in Public Life was established in 1994 and is responsible for promoting the Seven Principles of Public Life, commonly known as the Nolan Principles, and has had a long-standing interest in local government and since the last review of standards arrangements in local government, the Committee has maintained a watching brief, and has received regular correspondence relating to local government. This review was not prompted, however, by any specific allegations of misconduct or council failure, but rather to review the effectiveness of the current arrangements for standards in local government, particularly in light of the changes made by the Localism Act 2011.

### **6 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 6.1 An equality impact assessment is not required.

### **7 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 7.1 A data protection impact assessment is not required.

### **8 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 8.1 A crime and disorder and risk assessment is not required.

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

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

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

10.1 None.

**11 APPENDICES:**

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