

Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

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Subject:	Committee on Standards in Public Life – Annual Report for 2019-20
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee:

- 1.1 Consider and comment on the Annual Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life at Appendix 1.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 Within its terms of reference, the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee has a duty to promote high ethical standards amongst Members. As well as complying with legislation and guidance, the Committee will need to demonstrate learning from issues arising from local investigations and case law. Furthermore, it is advisable for the Committee to be kept informed of any issues arising out of the Annual Report from the Committee on Standards in Public Life as they may also add to learning at the local level.
- 1.2 On 22 July 2020, the Committee on Standards in Public Life published its annual report for 2019-20.

2 IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION

- 2.1 High standards of conduct are an essential part of good corporate governance and this in turn has a direct relationship with the delivery of high quality services.

3 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

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

4 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 By noting the work of the Committee on Standards in Public Life members will be better informed to discharge their duty to promote high ethical standards.

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 A crime and disorder and risk assessment is not required.

8 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND

- 8.1 None.

9 APPENDICES:

The Committee on Standards in Public Life Annual Report 2019-20.

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