

Report to the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

7 March 2023

Subject:	Annual Report of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee
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1 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee considers the draft Annual Report of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee 2022-23.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 Members will have the opportunity to review the draft Annual Report and ask questions/discuss the information presented before it is referred to Full Council for consideration on the 28 March 2023.

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

		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
		
		

4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 The Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee's terms of reference requires the committee to produce an annual report detailing the activities undertaken throughout the municipal year. The annual report will be referred to Full Council for consideration at its next meeting on 28 March 2023.

5 Alternative Options

- 5.1 The purpose of the report is for the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee to consider the draft Annual Report for the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee 2022-2023. As such, there are no alternative options.

6 Implications

Resources:	There are no resource implications arising from this report.
Legal and Governance:	The Authority has a statutory duty under the Localism Act 2011 to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Members. The Authority is also obliged to have in place a Code of Conduct, a procedure for investigating complaints against Members and ensure that any complaints made are investigated in accordance with that procedure.

	The new standards arrangements are set out in chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011, and in secondary legislation made under the Act, particularly in The Relevant Authorities (Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.
Risk:	There are no direct risk implications arising from this report.
Equality:	There are no direct equality implications arising from this report.
Health and Wellbeing:	There are no direct implications for health and wellbeing from this report.
Social Value	This report contains no social value implications.

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Draft Annual Report of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee 2022-23.

8. Background Papers

No background papers.