

# Report to Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

**7 November 2023**

<b>Subject:</b>	Committee on Standards in Public Life Annual Report: July 2022 – June 2023
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## 1 Recommendations







- 1.1 That the Annual Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life included in Appendix 1 be considered and commented on.

## 2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 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.



### 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 On 5 July 2023, the Committee on Standards in Public Life published its annual report for 2022-23.
- 4.2 The annual report has useful links of all the reports published by the Committee between 1995 and 2023. These constitute useful reference on best practices.

### 5 Alternative Options

- 5.1 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.

### 6 Implications

<b>Resources:</b>	There are no strategic resource implications arising from this report.
<b>Legal and Governance:</b>	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.
<b>Risk:</b>	There are no direct risk implications arising from this report.
<b>Equality:</b>	There are no equality issues arising directly from this report.
<b>Health and Wellbeing:</b>	There is no impact on health or wellbeing arising directly from this report.



<b>Social Value:</b>	There are no social value implications arising from this report.
<b>Climate Change:</b>	There are no specific climate change implications arising from this report.
<b>Corporate Parenting:</b>	There are no specific corporate parenting implications arising from this report.

## 7 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Committee on Standards in Public Life Annual Report: July 2022 – June 2023.

## 8. Background Papers

None.

