

Report to Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

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Subject:	Review of the Committee on Standards in Public Life Best Practice Recommendations
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1 Recommendations







- 1.1 That the review of how the Council has implemented the Best Practice Recommendations is received and endorsed.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 The report provides an update on how the Council maintains and upholds compliance with Best Practice Recommendations made by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.



3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

		The Council's ethical governance framework and arrangements support the Council toward achieving its strategic objectives and ambition.
		
		

4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 The Committee has oversight of the Council's ethical governance framework and arrangements for dealing with complaints received under the Code of Conduct in relation to elected Members.
- 4.2 The Council is committed to ensuring that the Best Practice Recommendations are implemented and maintained. Attached as Appendix 1 is the reviewed document with updates on actions undertaken to date or proposed.

5 Implications

Resources:	The Council is required to ensure that sufficient resources are provided to the Monitoring Officer in order that they are able to exercise their statutory functions.
Legal and Governance:	The Local Government Act 2000 and Localism Act 2011 make provision for the arrangements for dealing with standards related matters.
Risk:	The Council must have in place, arrangements for dealing with matters relating to the conduct of elected members. These are regularly reviewed in line with



	the best practice recommendations of the Committee for Standards in Public Life.
Equality:	There are no direct equality implications arising from this report.
Health and Wellbeing:	There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.
Social Value	There are no direct social value implications arising from this report.
Climate Change	There are no direct climate change implications arising from this report.
Corporate Parents	There are no direct corporate parents implications arising from this report.

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Review of Best Practice Recommendations.

7. Background Papers

None.

