

Report to Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

5 March 2024

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| Subject: | Annual Report of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee 2023/24 |
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1 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the draft Annual Report of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee 2023/2024 be approved and presented to Full Council.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 The Council established an Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee to promote and maintain high standards of conduct and ethical governance by Elected and Co-opted Members of the Council.
- 2.2 The Committee is required to submit an annual report to Council detailing the work undertaken throughout the year.

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

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|  |  | 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 |
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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.

5 Implications

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| Resources: | There are no resource implications arising from this report. |
| Legal and Governance: | <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> |

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| | 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. |
| Climate Change: | There are no direct climate change implications as a result of this report. |
| Corporate Parenting: | There are no direct corporate parenting implications as a result of this report. |

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Annual Report of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee 2023/24

7. Background Papers

No background papers.