

# Report to Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

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<b>Subject:</b>	Committee on Standards in Public Life Annual Report for 2020-2021
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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 15 July 2021, the Committee on Standards in Public Life published its annual report for 2020-21.

### 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 direct equality implications arising from this report.
<b>Health and Wellbeing:</b>	There are no direct implications for health and wellbeing from this report.
<b>Social Value</b>	This report contains no social value implications.

## 7. Appendices

Appendix 1 - The Committee on Standards in Public Life Annual Report 2020-2021.

## 8. Background Papers

There are no background documents.

