

Report to Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

22 March 2022

Subject:	Appointment to Ethical Standards Sub-Committees
Director:	Surjit Tour - Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer
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1 Recommendations

That, following changes to the membership of the Committee:

- 2.1 the appointments to the two Ethical Standards Sub-Committees for the remainder of 2021/22 municipal year, with flexibility between membership to cater for availability and workload, with delegated powers to carry out the functions set out in the following terms of reference, be revised with the membership set out below:

Terms of reference of the Ethical Standards Sub Committee

- To consider investigation reports referred to it by the Monitoring Officer.
- To conduct hearings (including the imposition of sanctions).









Membership

SUB-COMMITTEE 1		SUB-COMMITTEE 2	
Member	Substitute	Member	Substitute
Allcock	Substitute members taken from remainder of committee	Allcock	Substitute members taken from remainder of committee
Dhallu		Kausar	
Akhter		O Jones	
Z Hussain		C S Padda	
W Gill		W Gill	
+ Independent Person		+ Independent Person	

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 The Localism Act 2011 requires authorities to adopt arrangements for dealing with complaints about breaches of the Member Code of Conduct. The Council's arrangements for dealing with complaints provide for a Sub-Committee of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee to consider investigation reports referred to it by the Monitoring Officer and to conduct hearings (including the imposition of sanctions).

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

		High standards of conduct are an essential part of good corporate governance and this in turn has a direct relationship with the delivery of high quality services.
		
		

4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 The Council at its annual meeting held on 25 May 2021 agreed the membership of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee. Following the appointment of a new Committee member, it has become necessary to revise the appointments to the Ethical Standards Sub Committees.



5 Alternative Options

- 5.1 The Committee is required to appoint members to the sub-committees to ensure relevant standards complaints are effectively addressed.

6 Implications

Resources:	There are no resource implications arising directly from this report.
Legal and Governance:	Section 28(6) of the Localism Act 2011 provides that a relevant authority must have in place arrangements under which allegations that a member or co-opted member of the authority has failed to comply with the authority's code of conduct can be investigated, and arrangements under which decisions on allegations can be made. There is no statutory requirement as to the nature of these arrangements.
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 health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.
Social Value	There are no direct social value implications arising from this report.

7. Appendices

None.

8. Background Papers

None.

