
REVIEW OF THE COUNCILS CODE OF CONDUCT

To: **Constitutional Review Working Party – 21 August 2013**

Main Portfolio Area: **Business, Corporate and Regulatory Services**

By: **Corporate and Regulatory Services Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **N/A**

Summary: **To update the Constitutional Review Working Party regarding the process of reviewing the Members Code of Conduct.**

For Information

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 On 6 June 2013, the Standards Committee approved the commencement of a review of the Members Code of Conduct and recommended to Council the re-establishment of the Standards Working Party.
- 1.2 At the Full Council meeting of 11 July 2013, Council agreed to re-create the Standards Working Party in order for it to undertake the early stages of review of the Members Code of Conduct prior to a detailed report being presented to the Constitutional Review Working Party.

2.0 The Current Situation

- 2.1 The Standards Working Party will look to complete its review of the Members Code of Conduct and related processes within five months and then present its report to the Constitutional Review Working Party in early January 2014.

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial and VAT

- 3.1.1 There are no financial or VAT implications to this report.

3.2 Legal

- 3.2.1 The Members Code of Conduct can only be amended in accordance with the provisions set out within the Localism Act 2011.

3.3 Corporate

- 3.3.1 The Members Code of Conduct is designed to ensure high standards of behaviour from Councillors. All Councillors must sign up to the Council's Code of Conduct.

3.4 Equity and Equalities

3.4.1 There are no specific equity and equalities issues to this report.

4.0 Recommendation(s)

4.1 This report is for information only.

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Annex List

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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	N/A
Legal	Harvey Patterson, Corporate and Regulatory Services Manager