

# Report to Council

**28 March 2023**

<b>Subject:</b>	Annual Report of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee 2022/23
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## **1 Recommendations**

- 1.1 That Council considers the Annual Report of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee 2022/2023.

## **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?

		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 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 Alternative Options

- 5.1 The Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee is required to submit its Annual Report to Council, there are no alternative options.

### 6 Implications

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

	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 Relevant Authorities (Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.
<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.
<b>Climate Change:</b>	There are no direct climate change implications as a result of this report.
<b>Corporate Parenting:</b>	There are no direct corporate parenting implications as a result of this report.

## 7. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Annual Report of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee 2022/23

## 8. Background Papers

No background papers.