

Council/Committee:	Council
Report Title	Annual Report of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee 2024-2025
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Wards Affected	N/A
Appendices	1. Annual Report of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee 2024-2025

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 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.

2. Recommendations

Council is recommended to:-

- 2.1 Consider and note the Annual Report of the Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee 2024-2025.

3. Proposals – Reasons for the recommendations

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The Committee is required to submit an annual report to Council detailing the work undertaken throughout the year.

4. Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 The Committee is required to submit an annual report to Council detailing the work undertaken throughout the year.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 None required.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

7. Legal and Governance Implications

- 7.1 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.

- 7.2 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.

8. Risks

- 8.1 There are no direct risk implications arising from this report.

9. Equality and Diversity Implications (including the public sector equality duty)

- 9.1 There are no direct equality implications arising from this report.

10. Other Relevant Implications

- 10.1 No other relevant implications arising from this report.

11. Background Documents

None

12. How does this deliver the objectives of the Strategic Themes?

- 12.1 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