



**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**23 March 2021**

# ITEM 5

Report sponsor: Director of Legal, Procurement  
and Democratic Services  
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## **Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct**

### **Purpose**

- 1.1 In June 2020 the Local Government Association (LGA) conducted a consultation to gather views on its draft Model Member Code of Conduct. A response was submitted on behalf of Derby City Council.
- 1.2 The LGA published its Model Councillor Code of Conduct in December 2020.
- 1.3 The Monitoring Officer and Democratic Services undertook an exercise to compare the Council's Councillors' Code of Conduct with the one published by the LGA. The results of this exercise and any suggested actions are attached at Appendix 1, for the Committee's consideration.

### **Recommendations**

- 2.1 To consider the Council's Councillors' Code of Conduct against the LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct and note the suggested actions detailed in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 To delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Standards Committee, to prepare amendments to the Councillors' Code of Conduct for Council approval that reflect the suggested actions detailed in Appendix 1.

### **Reasons**

- 3.1 To give the Standards Committee the opportunity to consider the Council's Councillor Code of Conduct against the LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct.
- 3.2 To provide the Standards Committee with the opportunity to recommend any changes to the Councillors' Code of Conduct and to the Councillor Complaints Procedure.

### **Supporting information**

- 4.1 The existing Derby City Council Councillors' Code of Conduct is attached at Appendix 2.
- 4.2 Procedures for the assessment and review of allegations of breaches of the Councillors' Code of Conduct is attached at Appendix 3.

- 4.3 LGA Model Member Code of Conduct: Consultation response analysis, November 2020  
<https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-model-member-code-conduct-consultation-response-analysis-november-2020>
- 4.4 Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020  
<https://www.local.gov.uk/local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct-2020-0>

### **Public/stakeholder engagement**

- 5.1 None.

### **Other options**

- 6.1 To take no action.

### **Financial and value for money issues**

- 7.1 None.

### **Legal implications**

- 8.1 None. With the exception of provisions in the Localism Act 2011 requiring Codes of Conduct to be consistent with the seven Nolan Principles of Public Life and specific requirements relating to the registration and disclosure of pecuniary and other interests, our procedures are a matter of local choice.

### **Climate implications**

- 9.1 None.

### **Other significant implications**

- 10.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal		
Finance		
Service Director(s)		
Report sponsor		
Other(s)	Alex Hough – Acting Head of Democracy	15/03/2021

  

<b>Background papers:</b>	Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Model Councillor Code of Conduct Response Matrix
	Appendix 2 - Councillors' Code of Conduct
	Appendix 3 - Procedures for the assessment and review of allegations of breaches of the Councillors' Code of Conduct