

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
22 October 2019



Derby City Council

Report sponsor: Strategic Director of Corporate Resources
Report author: Director of Legal, Procurement and Democratic Services

ITEM 05

Review of the Code and Procedures Relating to the Conduct of Councillors

Purpose

- 1.1 A Report on Updates to codes and protocols relating to councillor conduct and use of Council resources went to Council on 25 September 2019.
- 1.2 Changes to the Members' Code of Conduct were approved by Council.
- 1.3 Council requested that the Standards Committee conduct a full review of the report by the Committee on Standards in Public Life, with a view to recommending any further changes to the Code of Conduct or Councillor Complaints Procedure considered necessary.

Recommendations

- 2.1 To conduct a full review of the report by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.
- 2.2 To recommend to Council any further changes to the Code of Conduct or Councillor Complaints Procedure considered necessary.

Reasons

- 3.1 To give the Standards Committee the opportunity to consider the recommendations of best practice for local authorities set out in the review of local government ethical standards, published by the Committee on Standards in Public Life
- 3.2 To provide the Standards Committee with the opportunity to recommend any changes to the code of Members' Code of Conduct and to the Councillor Complaints Procedure

Supporting information

- 4.1 Local Government Ethical Standards Report
www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-ethical-standards-report
- 4.2 Appendix 1 - Extract from Council minutes on 25th September 2019
- 4.3 Appendix 2 - Covering Report- Update to codes and protocols relating to councillor conduct and use of Council resources
- 4.4 Appendix 3 - Members' Code of Conduct (Changes approved by Council are highlighted in grey)
- 4.5 Appendix 4 - Procedures for the Assessment and Review of Allegations of Breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct

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. Our procedures are a matter of local choice.

Other significant implications

- 9.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal Finance Service Director(s)	Emily Feenan - Director of Legal, Procurement and Democratic Services	02/10/2019
Report sponsor Other(s)		

Background papers:	Local Government Ethical Standards Report
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 - Extract from Council minutes on 25th September 2019

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