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<b>Report to:</b>	Standard Committee	<b>Date:</b> 18 September 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	Code of conduct	
<b>Report from</b>	Director of Law & Governance	

## Summary

A revised code of conduct was previously agreed by the members of this Committee and subsequently agreed by Council. The Committee recommended that the code is annually reviewed by this Committee.

Members also adopted a guide to the code.

## Recommendation(s)

1. Members review the code of conduct (Appendix 1) and guidance to Members on the code of conduct (Appendix 2).
2. Instruct the Monitoring Officer to revise the code and guidance following the review.

## Reasons for recommendation(s)

3. This recommendation aligns with Members decision to review the code annually.

## Alternative options considered and rejected

4. N/A

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## Background

1. Previously Standards Committee approved a revised Member code of conduct following a recommendation from a subgroup of the Committee. Consideration was given to the Council's existing Code of Conduct for Members following the publication of the Local Government Ethical Standards report produced by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (CSPL) and the Local Government Association's (LGA) Model Code of Conduct (LGA's Model

Code). At that time it was noted that the code had not been updated following the introduction of a revised model code. Members considered the guidance in detail and a new code was agreed.

2. At a subsequent meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 Member agreed guidance to the code of conduct. The Guidance was brought forward by the Committee to assist and aid members understanding of the code and to give examples of what behaviour may result in a breach of the code of conduct.
3. Training on the revised code was provided to all Members following the introduction of the new code. Training on the code is provided annually by the Monitoring Officer. The next training session will take place in October.
4. Members are asked to review the code and consider whether any revisions are needed to the code or guidance. Any changes to the code will need to be approved by Council.
5. The Monitoring Officer would welcome Members view on whether there are particular areas of the code that should be the focus for the forthcoming Members training.

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#### **Appendices:**

*Please list any appended documents.*

1. Member code of conduct
  2. Member guide to the code of conduct
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