

Standards Committee - 15th October 2008

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Code of Conduct for Employees

Purpose of Report

1. To consider amendments to the Code of Conduct for Employees.

Background

2. In the mid 1990's the Council adopted the national Code of Conduct for Employees. Since then the Code has been largely unchanged and in recent years there have been a number of promises by the Government to introduce a new Code but to date this has not yet happened.
3. Accordingly, as an interim measure, officers have been reviewing the existing Code particularly in order to clarify the arrangements for declarations of interest by officers.
4. The revised Code is attached at Appendix 1 for consideration by the Committee. As the Code is a part of the Constitution, the amended Code will have to be approved by full Council.

Finance

5. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Law

6. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its various statutory functions.

Equality Impact

7. Paragraph 17 of the Code refers to equality and diversity and there are no particular issues arising from this report with regard to children and young persons.

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that the Committee consider the revised Code and recommend its approval to the Council.

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List of Background Papers

1. Nil.