

**Report of the Monitoring Officer**

**Reviewing the code of conduct**

**Summary**

1. This report updates the Committee on progress made in reviewing the code of conduct.

**Background**

2. At its August meeting the Committee agreed to establish a task group to review the City Council's code of conduct. Members of the City Council have been made aware of this piece of work and have been asked to identify any particular areas that they consider should be looked into.
3. The task group has now met on two occasions and has discussed the entirety of the current code. A number of areas for improvement have been identified and the task group has also agreed to recommend the adoption of a guidance document to accompany the code. That would set out what practical steps Members should take to demonstrate compliance and would identify some of the kinds of behaviours which would be considered to represent a breach of the code.
4. The task group has seen draft wording for that part of the proposed revised code which deals with the general expectations of Members and work is underway to bring forward new wording in respect of requirements to register and declare interests.
5. The task group will require at least one more meeting and the aim is to bring a draft revised code and accompanying guidance document to the January meeting of the Committee.

## Recommendations

4. Members are recommended to:

1) Note the report

Reason: To ensure that the Committee is aware of progress being made by the task group.

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**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All

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### Background Papers:

None