

## **Joint Standards Committee**

**13 February 2019**

Report of the Legal Services Manager (Corporate Governance)

### **Guidance for Elected Members during the Election Process**

#### **Summary**

- 1) This report seeks Members' views on the inclusion of guidance for elected Members during the election process.

#### **Background**

- 2) City of York Council and Parish Councils Local Elections will be held on Thursday 2 May 2019. At the last Joint Standards Committee meeting it was agreed that Elected Members may benefit from guidance ahead of the elections period.
- 3) The draft guidance document can be found at Annex One and covers publicity and key considerations during the elections period (Purdah).
- 4) The Council's Communications Department have been consulted on the draft guidance and they have no proposed amendments to make to the guidance document.

#### **Recommendations**

- 5) Members are recommended to consider whether to implement the draft guidance ahead of the Local Elections in May 2019.

**Reason:** To ensure that elected Members receive guidance to assist them in the run up to the election.

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**Wards Affected:**

**All**

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**Annexes:**

Annex 1- draft guidance on elected Member behaviour during the election process

**Background Papers: None**