

**Procedures for dealing with Councillor Code of Conduct Complaints**

**Summary**

- 1) This report updates Members on the progress of the Task Group in relation to reviewing the procedures for dealing with Councillor Conduct complaints.

**Background**

1. On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 Members were asked to consider a report providing information regarding the review of the procedures for dealing with Councillor Code of Conduct complaints undertaken by the previous Joint Standards Committee in November 2018.
2. Members resolved that a Task Group be convened to re-consider the amended Complaints Procedure and associated documents and that the Group would bring back recommendations to the Joint Standards Committee with a view to a recommendation that the procedure and Code of Conduct go to Full Council for approval.
3. The Task Group met on 15 October 2019 and proposed amendments were made to the Complaints Procedure. Attached as Appendix 1 is a track change copy of the Procedure which outlines the areas of proposed amendment.

**Recommendations**

4. Members are asked to:
  - 4.1. Consider the proposed amendments to the Complaints Procedure as recommended by the Joint Standards Committee Task Group.
  - 4.2. Recommend the Complaints Procedure be presented to Council at the meeting on 19 December 2019.

**Reason:**

To ensure that the procedures adopted by Council for dealing with complaints concerning the conduct of elected Members are compliant with legal requirements and remain fit for purpose.

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

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**Annexes**

Appendix 1 –Complaints Procedure (track change copy)