

Recommendation	Response
Those in positions of leadership within political parties must set an appropriate tone during election campaigns, and make clear that any intimidatory behaviour is unacceptable. They should challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.	The Committee has agreed to consider guidance to members on their behaviour during the elections next May at its meeting in February. This issue can be considered then
Political parties should set clear expectations about the behaviour expected of their members, both offline and online through a code of conduct for members which specifically prohibits any intimidatory behaviour. Parties should ensure that members are familiar with the code. The consequences of any breach of the code should be clear and unambiguous.	This is primarily an issue of political parties but Members may wish to note that the Council's code of conduct already prohibits Intimidation or attempts to intimidate.
Local Authority Monitoring Officers should ensure that members required to declare pecuniary interests are aware of the sensitive interests provisions in the Localism Act 2011	<p>This issue is addressed with new City Councillors as part of the induction. Sensitive interests are mentioned in the current code of conduct and additional guidance is contained in the draft revised code and guidance currently in circulation.</p> <p>Clerks would be expected to advise Parish Members but the NALC model code says: "A member need only declare the existence but not the details of any interest which the Monitoring Officer agrees is a 'sensitive interest'. A sensitive interest is one which, if disclosed on a public register, could lead the member or a person connected with the member to be subject to violence or intimidation.</p> <p>Requests to treat interests as sensitive are received. Three have been agreed in 2018 and they have been granted to both City and Parish Councillors.</p>
Nobody in public life should engage in intimidatory behaviour, nor condone or tolerate it. All those in public life have a responsibility to challenge and report it wherever it occurs.	The Standards Committee may wish to consider further
Those in public life should seek to uphold high standards of conduct, adhering to the Seven Principles of Public Life, and help prevent a decline in public trust in political institutions through their own conduct.	The Code of conduct for Members and the work of the Committee are aimed at meeting this recommendation
Those in public life must set and protect a tone in public discourse which is not dehumanising or derogatory, and which recognises the rights of others to participate	The Standards Committee may wish to consider further

in public life.	
Those in public life have a responsibility not to use language which engenders hatred or hostility towards individuals because of their personal characteristics.	The Standards Committee may wish to consider further
Those in public life should not engage in highly personalised attacks, nor portray policy disagreements or questions of professional competence as breaches of ethical standards	The Standards Committee may wish to consider further