

Members serving on outside bodies

Summary

1. This report provides the Committee with a copy of guidance which has previously been issued to Members serving on outside bodies. The guidance is due for a refresh and the Committee is asked to identify areas which it might be helpful to include within revised guidance.

Background

2. City Councillors serve on a variety of outside bodies including other local government entities, voluntary organisations, charities and companies. These organisations are established using a variety of different legal structures. During the life of the previous Council a short guidance note was issued to Members explaining the different responsibilities they have when serving on these bodies. A copy of the note is annexed.
3. The guidance note is due to be refreshed. It needs, for example, to refer to the existence of Combined Authorities. The original note was not focused on code of conduct issues and this is a matter which could usefully be included - particularly in light of the conviction of the Dorset Councillor for failure to declare his disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter which related to his directorship of a charitable company.
4. Members are asked whether there are other issues upon which guidance could usefully be given.

Recommendations

5. Members are recommended to:
 - 1) Note the existing guidance and that it is to be refreshed

Reason: To ensure that Members are aware of the current guidance and have an opportunity to input into its refresh.

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

All

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Background Papers:

None

Annex

Annex A – Guidance on serving on outside bodies