

Joint Standards Committee

18 April 2018

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Updating the code of conduct

Summary

1. This report advises Members on the work of the task group of the Committee considering a revised Member code of conduct.

Background

2. The Committee established a task group to develop a revised code of conduct. At the last meeting the Committee asked the task group to take a further look at the draft code.
3. The task group has now met and, in the light of recent experience from complaints, is proposing an addition to the code. The task group has noted that there have been recent cases where it would have been advantageous for Members to have had the opportunity to voluntarily register an interest which he or she is not required to register under the current code. A revised version of the draft code and guidance incorporating this change is annexed to this report. The changes are identified in bold in sections 7 and 8.

Recommendations

6. Members are recommended to:
 - 1) Recommend to Council that it adopts the revised code of conduct now presented
 - 2) Approve the associated guidance to Members

Reason: To ensure that the City Council has a robust and easily understood code of conduct.

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**Report
Approved**

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

All

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Background Papers:

None

Annex

Revised code of conduct and guidance