

COUNCIL
12 NOVEMBER 2020**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****(d) SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE STANDARDS
AND ETHICS COMMITTEE**

Local Government Association Draft Member Code of Conduct

1. The Local Government Association (LGA) has drafted a model Code of Conduct as part of its work in supporting the sector to continue to aspire to high standards of leadership and performance. Once finalised, this will be offered as a template for councils to adopt as a whole and/or with local amendments. The LGA is currently preparing a revised draft, having consulted with local authorities, with a view to it being approved by the LGA Board in early December. The approved Code will then be published.
2. The Committee has noted the update on the LGA draft member Code of Conduct. Given the pan-Worcestershire Code is appreciated for the consistency in approach across local authorities in the area, the Committee has agreed that a further report about the LGA Code be considered once a final version has been published.

Code of Conduct – Complaints Update

3. Since the last report to the Committee in October 2019, the Council has received five formal complaints that County Councillors have breached the Code of Conduct for members. The Committee received a summary of the details of two of the formal complaints and noted that neither constituted an actual breach of the Code requiring no further action. Some of the those received in 2020 are still being reviewed, with the complainants having been notified of the circumstances of the delay.

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and

Governance) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

Agenda papers for the meeting of the Standards and Ethics Committee held on 21 October 2019.

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