

North Somerset Council

Report to the Council

Date of Meeting: 10 January 2023

Subject of Report: Local Government Association New Model Code of Conduct 2020

Town or Parish: N/A

**Officer/Member Presenting: Nicholas Brain, Assistant Director
Governance & Monitoring Officer**

Key Decision: No

Reason: Not an Executive Decision

Recommendations

(i) to adopt the new Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct 2020, as set out in Appendix 1, with immediate effect.

(ii) to encourage the adoption of the new Code of Conduct by all Town and Parish Councils within the North Somerset District.

(iii) to encourage the use of the Local Government Association Guidance (Appendix 2) to the New Model Code of Conduct 2020 by all Town and Parish Councils within the North Somerset District.

1. Summary of Report

On 3 December 2020 the Local Government Association (LGA) approved a new Model Code of Conduct.

The (LGA) developed its Code of Conduct, in association with key partners and after extensive consultation with the sector, as part of its work on supporting all tiers of local government to continue to aspire to high standards of leadership and performance. It is a template for councils to adopt in whole and/or with local amendments.

All councils are required to have a local Councillor Code of Conduct.

A working party was convened on November 24, 2022, to discuss the new Model Code of Conduct. It was agreed that a recommendation should be made to Council to adopt the new Model Code of Conduct.

2. Policy

Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct 2020 contains information on how a Councillor should behave when conducting business as a Councillor.

3. Details

See Appendix 1 and 2 for details.

4. Consultation

Standards Working Group was convened and debated the Code and Guidance, and agreed to recommend the adoption of the Code and Guidance to Council.

5. Financial Implications

None.

Costs

None.

Funding

None.

6. Legal Powers and Implications

The Standards regime is required by the Localism Act 2011

7. Climate Change and Environmental Implications

None.

8. Risk Management

None.

9. Equality Implications

None.

10. Corporate Implications

None.

11. Options Considered

To recommend the adoption of the new Model Code and Guidance with immediate effect.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct 2020

Appendix 2 Local Government Association Guidance to the Model Code of Conduct 2020

Background Papers:

None.