

Report to: **Standards Committee**



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## **Standards Update report**

### **Report summary:**

It is important that the Monitoring Officer provides a regular report to the Committee on ethical standards and Code of Conduct issues. The Monitoring Officer will provide a verbal update at the meeting in relation to:-

1. Recent standards decisions;
2. Training of District Councillors in relation to the Code of Conduct;

### **Is the proposed decision in accordance with:**

Budget                      Yes ☒ No ☐

Policy Framework    Yes ☒ No ☐

### **Recommendation:**

That the Committee note the verbal update.

### **Reason for recommendation:**

To ensure that Committee are kept up-to-date regarding ethical standards and code of conduct issues.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

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- ☐ Assets and Economy
- ☒ Communications and Democracy
- ☒ Council, Corporate and External Engagement
- ☐ Culture, Leisure, Sport and Tourism
- ☐ Environment - Nature and Climate
- ☐ Environment - Operational
- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Place, Infrastructure and Strategic Planning
- ☐ Sustainable Homes and Communities

**Equalities impact** Low Impact

**Climate change** Low Impact

**Risk:** Low Risk; This report ensures that Members are having sufficient oversight in relation to Ethical standards matters.

### **Links to background information**

None

### **Link to Council Plan**

Priorities (check which apply)

- ☐ A supported and engaged community
  - ☐ Carbon neutrality and ecological recovery
  - ☐ Resilient economy that supports local business
  - ☒ Financially secure and improving quality of services
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### **Purpose of Report**

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Two case scenarios are included in appendix 1 for training purposes.

### **Financial implications:**

There are no financial implications to be added to this report.

### **Legal implications:**

It is important that the Committee receives regular updates regarding ethical standards and code of conduct matters, to ensure it is having appropriate oversight of and meeting its Terms of Reference.