

## NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

11 February 2021

Present: Councillor Macdonald in the Chair

Councillors Dirveiks, Hayfield, D Humphreys, McLauchlan and Parker.

Councillors Bell, D Clews, Jarvis, Jenns, Lees and D Wright were also in attendance.

#### 1 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

None were declared.

#### 2 **New Model Code of Conduct for Members**

The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer advised Members of the introduction of a New Model Code of Conduct and made proposals for Members to consider adoption of the Code or consider the modification of the Council's existing Code of Conduct.

##### **Resolved:**

- a **That a Working Group, to consider the content of the new Model Code of Conduct and report back to Standards Committee as to whether the Council's Code of Conduct should be updated in light of the new Model Code, be set up;**
- b **That the Working Group consider any possible modifications to the arrangements for dealing with standards allegations under the Localism Act 2011; and**
- c **That, when undertaking steps a) and b), the views of the Independent Persons appointed under the 2011 Act are sought and taken into account.**

#### 3 **Complaints and Allegations under the Code of Conduct – Update**

The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer provided a summary of complaints received alleging breaches of the Council's Code of Conduct, and the Codes of Parish Councils in North Warwickshire since June 2020 and action taken in relation to them.

**Resolved:**

**That the summary of complaints received be noted.**

**4 Recommendations of the Committee on Standards in Public Life**

The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer set out recent recommendations of the Committee on Standards in Public Life and the Council's response, together with steps which are being taken to address the issues raised.

**Resolved:**

**That the recommendations of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, the Council's response to the recommendations and the ongoing steps to address the issues, be noted.**

J Macdonald  
Chairman