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To: The Chair and Members  
of the Standards  
Committee

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### **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, 23rd March, 2021

A virtual meeting of the Standards Committee is to be held on the above date at 2.15 pm to consider the following matters. The [livestream of the meeting can be viewed here](#).

Phil Norrey  
Chief Executive

## **A G E N D A**

### **PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE**

1 Apologies for absence

2 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16 November 2021, previously circulated.

3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

## **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

4 **New Model Code of Conduct Update** (Pages 1 - 32)

Report of the County Solicitor (CSO/21/3) on the current position with the new model code of conduct, attached.

*Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*

5 **Standards Annual Report 2020/2021** (Pages 33 - 38)

In line with best practice the Committee has previously produced an Annual Report outlining the range of its activities and related developments during the year and identifying any issues for consideration or that might impact upon future arrangements. The draft Annual Report for 2020/21 submitted for endorsement and publication is attached.

The publication, independently, of an Annual Report by this Committee complements and gives rigour to the Council's Annual Governance Statement which it is required to publish separately on an annual basis.

**Recommendation:** that the Annual Report for 2020/21 be approved and published.

*Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*

## **STANDING ITEMS**

6 **Ethical Governance Framework: Monitoring** (Pages 39 - 42)

Report of the County Solicitor ([CSO/21/9](#)) on co-opted members' attendance at meetings of the Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings, monitoring compliance with the Council's ethical governance framework, attached.

*Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions*

## **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

7 **Local Determination of Complaints**

County Solicitor to report on complaints or allegations of a breach of the Council's Members' Code of Conduct received since the last meeting, if any.

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