

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
11TH APRIL 2016

APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the report and make recommendations to full council

Reasons:

The subject matter of this report falls within the remit of the Committee

Scrutiny Committee recommendations / comments:

Not applicable

Exec Board Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required YES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr E Dole (Leader)

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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On the 1st April 2016 The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016 came into force, introducing changes to the Model Code of Conduct for elected and co-opted members.

The key changes arising from this legislation are;

1. The removal of the duty under paragraph 6 of the Code to report breaches of the Code to the Ombudsman
2. The removal of paragraph 10(2) (b) in relation to the conflict between the ward interests of a member and the wider community interest.
3. The removal of references to the Monitoring Officer in paragraph 1(2) in relation to the maintenance of registers of interests by Town and Community Councils.

The Council is obliged to adopt a revised Members Code of Conduct incorporating these changes by the 26th July 2016. However the Welsh Government has recommended that any such changes to adopt a revised code “no later than at their forthcoming annual meetings.’

A revised version of the Code adopted by the Council is attached to this report and the Committee is requested to recommend to Full Council that it re-adopt the Code in its revised form.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: **Linda Rees Jones** **Head of Administration and Law**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities NONE	Legal NONE	Finance NONE	ICT NONE	Risk Management Issues NONE	Staffing Implications NONE	Physical Assets NONE
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CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: **Linda Rees Jones** **Head of Administration and Law**

(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

1. Scrutiny Committee

Not applicable

2. Local Member(s)

Not applicable

3. Community / Town Council

Not applicable

4. Relevant Partners

Not applicable

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Not applicable

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal file	DPSC-142	Legal Services, County Hall