

Report Title	RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE			
Purpose of Report	To put recommendations from Audit & Standards Committee for consideration and, if appropriate, approval.			
Decision(s)	It is recommended that Council RESOLVES to adopt the amended Code of Conduct and Arrangement for investigation alleged breaches of the Code with immediate effect			
Consultation and Feedback	Please refer to the original Committee report(s) to Audit & Standards Committee dated the 25th August and 6th October 2020 .			
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Options	Council can accept the recommendation, decide to amend the recommended documents or refuse to accept the recommendation.			
Background Papers	None			
Appendices	Appendix A – Proposed Changes to the Members Code of Conduct Appendix B – Proposed Arrangement for Assessing Allegations of Breaches to the Members Code of Conduct			
Implications	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	No	No	No	No

- On the 25th of August, the Audit & Standards Committee considered a report ([Here](#)) with a draft amended Members Code of Conduct and Arrangements which had been prepared as a result of a resolution of Council dated the 16th of July 2020 (the motion can be accessed [here](#).) The resolution was as follows:

RESOLVED

- That the draft appended to the above Motion was strongly recommended to the next meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee for final review before recommendation at a future Council meeting.*
 - Council instructs the Audit and Standards Committee to consider the arrangements under which allegations under the Code of Conduct are investigated as a matter of urgency and, in consultation with Group Leaders, provide a response to the consultation currently being undertaken by the Local Government Association into its draft Model Code of Conduct.*
- Audit & Standards Committee carefully considered and debated the draft documents and instructed the Monitoring Officer to make certain changes which were attended to.
 - On the 6th of October 2020 the Audit & Standards Committee considered the amended documents and resolved to recommend them to Council for adoption. The report can be accessed [here](#).
 - The Code of Conduct and Arrangements have to be approved by Council