

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

DATE: **MONDAY, 6 JULY 2015**

REPORT BY: **CHIEF OFFICER (GOVERNANCE)**

SUBJECT: **ANNUAL REVIEW OF MEMBER'S CODE OF CONDUCT**

1.00 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01 For the Committee to undertake its annual review of the Members' Code of Conduct.

2.00 **BACKGROUND**

2.01 At its meeting on the 8th April 2008 the County Council adopted the Members' Code of Conduct giving effect to the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) Order 2008. That Order prescribes information that must be contained in any Council's Members' Code of Conduct. Flintshire's Code did not add any additional provisions to those prescribed by the Order.

2.02 When Flintshire adopted its Local Resolution Procedure and Flintshire Standards of Conduct at the Council meeting on the 25 June 2013 paragraph 6(2) of the Code was amended to incorporate reference to compliance with these.

2.03 The Committee has previously determined that consideration should be given annually to whether any changes are needed to Flintshire's Members' Code of Conduct. The Committee last reviewed the Members' Code at its meeting on the 6th October 2014 as part of the Constitution Committee's review of all parts of the Constitution. That review led to minor changes to the Members' Code.

3.00 **CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01 Whilst there is no power to remove from the Code the prescribed information contained in it there is in theory the power to add additional provisions. In view of the potential sanctions for breach of the Code there should be a proven need for any additional requirements being imposed. There are other ways of improving standards such as protocols or other guidance documents that should be considered prior to making additions to the Members' Code.

3.02 Whilst it is important that the Committee annually reviews whether

there is any need to make changes to the Members' Code it is considered that at the present time there is no need for any alterations.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 The Committee is recommended to confirm it is satisfied there is no need for any amendments to the Members' Code of Conduct at the present time.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 None as a result of this report

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None as a result of this report

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None as a result of this report

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None as a result of this report

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None as a result of this report

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 None as a result of this report

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 None as a result of this report

12.00 APPENDICES

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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