

REPORT OF Head of Legal and Governance & Monitoring Officer
To: Full Council
Subject: Local Government Association's Model Code of Conduct
Date: 8th April 2024 **Reference:**

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To review the recommendation from the Standards Committee to adopt the Local Government Association's Model Councillor Code of Conduct

1. INTRODUCTION

On the 28th February 2024 the Standards Committee reviewed the Model Code of Conduct.

2. REPORT

It was proposed by Councillor Bach, seconded by Councillor Hawkins and –
Resolved:

To recommend to Full Council that the LGA's Model Code of Conduct be adopted with the agreed modification - to include Councillor email address as one of the examples listed in section 7.2 of the code.

7.2 of the Code states "*I will, when using the resources of the local authority or authorising their use by others:-*

- a) *Act in accordance with the local authority's requirements; and*
- b) *Ensure that such resources are not used for political purposes unless that use could reasonably be regarded as likely to facilitate, or be conducive to, the discharge of the functions of the local authority or of the office to which I have been elected or appointed".*

3. IMPLICATIONS

Legal Implications

The Council must have a Code of Conduct which incorporates the Nolan Principles. Our current Code does incorporate the principles, and therefore is legally compliant, however the Model Code expands the principles further.

Financial Implications

No financial implications of adopting The Model Code of Conduct.

Human Resources Implications

N/A

Sustainability/Biodiversity Implications

N/A



Equality/Diversity

None directly applicable to this report.

Risk Management

The Council is required to have a method that deals with complaints against Councillors and have a Code of Conduct.

Compliance with Policies and Strategies

This complies with our Data Protection Policy.

Data Protection (GDPR) Implications

N/A

Climate Change

None directly applicable to this report

Cllr Bach - Chair of Standards

Cllr Simon Newton, Lead Member for Legal and Democratic Support:

4. CONCLUSIONS

Councillors need to decide whether to approve the recommendation from the Standards Committee

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members consider whether to approve the recommendation of the Standards Committee

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Contact Officer: Staci Dorey

Background Papers: Standards Committee Report – 28th February 2024
Local Government Association – Model Councillor Code of Conduct

