

MINUTE EXTRACT

CONSTITUTION AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

23 JUNE 2021

6 Proposed Members' Code of Conduct 2021

Phil McCourt, Director of Law and Governance introduced the report which set out a proposed revised Members' Code of Conduct. The Committee was reminded that following the introduction of the Localism Act in 2012, councils were free to adopt their own Code of Conduct as long as they accorded with the Nolan Principles. A review had since taken place which concluded that many Councils' codes did not comply with best practice, and therefore it was recommended that the Local Government Association produce a model code for councils to adopt.

Members were advised that following the last meeting where the draft model code was considered, councils across the Liverpool City Region had considered the model code and provided minimal comments which the Local Government Association had accepted, therefore the code was before members for consideration. It was anticipated that a full suite of guidance would be circulated to supplement the code.

Members acknowledged the requirement for an annual review of the Code of Conduct.

Resolved – That Council be recommended to adopt the Members' Code of Conduct as attached at Appendix A.