

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 3 FEBRUARY 2023**

### **Updated Code of Conduct and Guidance on Complaint Handling**

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The Monitoring Officer took the Committee through the amendments to the Code of Conduct, as requested at the previous meeting, highlighted by track changes to the document, namely:

- 2.3 Bullying, harassment and discrimination
- 9.2 Interests
- Appendix B Registering Interests – paragraphs 11 and 12

In response to the item regarding Members conduct at meetings, the Monitoring Officer suggested the following form of words to be included after the first paragraph:

*If you are to act in this manner in a public meeting of this Council, the Chair of that meeting will have due regard to Standing Order 15 regarding disorderly conduct of members.*

The Monitoring Officer then invited the Committee to approve the Updated Code of Conduct subject to the addition of the wording above (in italics) which was agreed.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

- (1) That full Council approves the updated Members Code of Conduct with the track changes accepted, and the addition of the wording in italics.
- (2) That the Guidance on Complaint Handling be adopted.