

TITLE OF REPORT: Local Government Association, Model Code of Conduct

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Purpose of the Report

1. This report sets out the final LGA Code of Conduct and seeks comments from members with a view to making recommendations the full Council on adopting the new model code.
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Background

1. The Localism Act 2011 places a duty on the Council to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Councillors and co-opted Members. It requires the Council to adopt a Code of Conduct in relation to the conduct of its elected members.
2. Following work throughout 2020, including consultation with local authorities The LGA has produced a final version of the Model Code of Conduct (included at Appendix 1). Members will recall that the Audit and Standards Committee considered the draft Code at its meeting on 20 July 2020 and authorised the Monitoring Officer to submit a response to the consultation.
3. This final version of the LGA Code of Conduct was published on 23 December 2020. It is intended that the LGA will review it annually to ensure that it remains relevant and fit for purpose.

Recommendation

4. To consider the LGA Model Code of Conduct and determine whether to recommend to full Council that it should be adopted in whole or with local amendments.
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