

## COUNCIL – 17TH JANUARY 2022

### Report of the Member Conduct Committee

#### ITEM 6.2 MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

##### Purpose of Report

To consider a recommendation from the Member Conduct Committee that the amended Code of Conduct developed by a group of Leicestershire Monitoring Officers and adopted by Leicestershire County Council and based on the LGA national code of conduct be approved and adopted with effect from the 2022/23 civic year.

##### Recommendation

That the amended LGA Code, as set out in Appendix A to the report considered by the Member Conduct Committee (attached as an appendix), be approved and adopted with effect from the 2022/23 civic year.

##### Reason

To ensure that the Council meets its obligations under the Localism Act 2011.

##### Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

The Localism Act 2011 requires that the Council must adopt a Code of Conduct which is consistent with the Nolan principles of public life, and which contains provisions relating to the registration and disclosure of pecuniary interests and other interests.

A common Members' Code of Conduct shared by Leicestershire County Council and several of the other principal authorities in Leicestershire, was approved by full Council June 2013 and came into effect on 1st September 2013 (Minute No 18.4 2013/14 refers).

At its meeting on 13th December 2021, the Member Conduct Committee considered a report of the Monitoring Officer setting out potential options in respect of the Member Code of Conduct. The Committee resolved to recommend to Full Council that the amended LGA Code be approved and adopted with effect from the 2022/23 civic year. The report considered by the Committee, is attached as an appendix.

##### Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions

If approved by Full Council the updated Member Code of Conduct will come into effect for the 2022/23 civic year and it will be requirement that all councillors attend compulsory training.

##### Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report:

##### *Financial Implications*

There are no financial implications arising from this decision.

*Risk Management*

There are no specific risks associated with this decision.

Background Papers: Member Conduct Committee Minute 26, 2021/22,  
13th December 2021

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Appendix: Member Code of Conduct, report of the monitoring  
Officer, Member Conduct Committee, 13th  
December 2021.