

**Decisions to be considered by
Full Council on 25 February 2020**

Minutes of the meeting of the AUDIT,
GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS
COMMITTEE held at 9.30 am on Tuesday,
28th January, 2020 at MAIN COMMITTEE
ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, STONE CROSS,
ROTARY WAY, NORTHALLERTON, DL6 2UU

Present

Councillor N A Knapton (in the Chair)

Councillor P Atkin
D B Elders
R W Hudson

Councillor M G Taylor
P Thompson

Also in Attendance

Councillor M S Robson
P Bardon

K G Hardisty

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G W Dadd

AGS.24 **AMENDMENTS TO MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT AND MEMBER REGISTER OF
INTEREST FORM**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

The Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) presented a report seeking approval to amendments to the Council's Member Code of Conduct and Members' Register of Interests Form.

Alternative options considered:

The Committee gave consideration to the proposed amendments contained within the Code of Conduct for the Members of Hambleton District Council.

The reason for the decision:

To take account of the findings of a review into the standards regime under the Localism Act 2011 by the Committee on Standards in Public Life ("CSPL"). This review was carried out in order for the Committee to satisfy itself that the current standards framework was conducive to promoting and maintaining the standards expected of Members by the general public.

THE DECISION:

That the Committee approves and recommends to Council that:-

- (1) the amended Code of Member Conduct appended at 'Annex A' of the report be approved and adopted; and
- (2) the amended Register of Interests Form appended to 'Annex B' of the report be approved and adopted.

AGS.25 **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

The Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) presented a report which asked the Committee to consider an amendment to the Constitution requested by the Leader which increased the number of Cabinet Members from six to a maximum of eight (inclusive of the Leader). The amendment would take effect from the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2020, subject to approval by Full Council.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

As part of its Terms of Reference, the Committee had a responsibility for monitoring, reviewing and recommended changes to the Council's Constitution.

THE DECISION:

That the Committee approves and recommends to Council the amendments to the Constitution as set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report.

Note: Councillor M S Robson left the meeting at 9.55am.

The meeting closed at 10.20 am

Chairman of the Committee