

**Decisions to be considered by  
Full Council on 9 November 2021**

Minutes of the meeting of the Audit,  
Governance and Standards Committee held  
at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 5th October, 2021 at  
Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Stone Cross,  
Rotary Way, Northallerton, DL6 2UU

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Present

Councillor N A Knapton (in the Chair)

Councillor P Atkin  
D B Elders

Councillor K G Hardisty

Also in Attendance

Councillor M S Robson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Bardon,  
Mrs B S Fortune and R W Hudson

**AGS.8 Member Code of Conduct**

All Wards

**The subject of the decision:**

The Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report seeking consideration of the Local Government Association's Model Code of Member Conduct and whether to recommend its adoption by the Council.

**Alternative options considered:**

The options considered were as set out in the report.

**The reason for the decision:**

Under the Localism Act 2011 the Council is required to have a code in place which deals with the expected conduct of its Members with reference to the Seven Principles of Public Life. The Committee was satisfied that the Council's current Code of Conduct fulfils that requirement and addresses the recommendations of the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

**The decision:**

That the Committee recommends to Council that the current Code of Member Conduct shall remain unchanged.

AGS.9 **Annual Review of the Committee's Terms of Reference**

All Wards

**The subject of the decision:**

The Interim Director of Finance (s151 Officer) presented a report following a review of the Committee's Terms of Reference.

**Alternative options considered:**

None.

**The reason for the decision:**

To fulfil the Audit Commission's good practice requirement to the annual review and incorporate the audit terms of reference suggested by CIPFA.

**The decision:**

That the Committee approves and recommends to Council that:

- (1) the annual review of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee's terms of reference be noted; and
- (2) the terms of reference for the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee as set out in Annex A of the report be approved.

The meeting closed at 2.22 pm

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Chairman of the Committee