

Chair - Councillor M J Winnington

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

M Green

R M Sutherland

P W Jones

Also present:- Mrs C Dawson (Independent Person)

Officers in attendance:-

Mr I Curran

- Head of Law and Administration

Mr S Turner

- Legal Services Officer

Mr A Bailey

- Scrutiny Officer

## **SC1 Apologies**

An Apology for absence was received from Councillor A P Edgeller (substitute Councillor R M Sutherland). Councillor D Holbrook-Summers was not present for the meeting.

## **SC2 Model Code of Conduct Consultation**

The Head of Law and Administration presented a report that that considered the Councils response to the Local Government Association (LGA) consultation on its draft model Members Code of Conduct (V1 13/7/20).

The Committee considered the questions posed in the consultation document and the Monitoring Officer's comments, contained within Appendix 3 of the report. The Committee discussed each question in turn and were in general agreement with the comments made by the Monitoring Officer. The Committee made the following additional comments:-

- Question 2 – The Committee felt that the legal requirements relating to the registration and declaration of interests, and the seriousness of failing to comply, could be made clearer.
- Question 10 - Agreed that obligations relating to the use of social media should be contained within the overall Code of Conduct, but may warrant its own sub-section of the code.

Following the discussion the Committee agreed that their views outlined above be submitted as the Council's response to the LGA consultation on

its draft Model Code of Conduct 2020 and that all Members of the Council should be informed of their ability to take part in the LGA consultation on-line.

- RESOLVED:-
- (a) that the Head of Law and Administration submits the views of the Standards Committee as the Council's response to the LGA consultation on its draft Model Code of Conduct 2020;
  - (b) that details of the LGA on-line consultation be circulated to all Members.

CHAIR