

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of this Committee held on
2 June 2021

(Present) Councillors Bond, Bowden, Maguire, Maloney MBE, Pearson,
Quinn, Smith, Sweeney and van der Burg.

(Not Present) Councillor Murphy

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

- * **Resolved that Councillor Bond be appointed Chairman.**

Councillor Bond here took the Chair.

2 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Murphy

3 MINUTES

- * **Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2021 be approved and signed.**

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

No Declarations of Interest from Members were made.

5 LGA MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

A report was submitted which provided the Committee with an opportunity to consider the LGA model Code of Conduct for Members and decide whether to recommend the Code to Council for adoption, with or without amendments.

The Committee considered a report at its meeting held on 19 October 2020, which provided an update on the LGA model Code. Members were advised a further report would be brought back to the Committee for consideration once the model code was published by the LGA.

Following consultation during 2020, the LGA published the model Code in January 2021. The model Code, attached at Appendix A, was described by the LGA as 'designed to protect our democratic role, encourage good conduct and safeguard the public's trust in local government'. The expectation was that all Councils should adopt it as a minimum but provision for additional local variations was permitted.

Members considered the LGA model Code of Conduct and agreed to recommend its adoption to Council with the minor amendments outlined in Appendix B to the report.

- * **Resolved that Council be recommended to adopt the LGA Model Code of Conduct at its meeting to be held on 7 July 2021.**