

Minutes of the Standards Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Wednesday 7 July 2021

Chair - Councillor R M Sutherland

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

Councillors:

R P Cooke P W Jones

Also present: - Mrs C Dawson (Independent Person)

Officers in attendance:-

Mr I Curran - Head of Law and Administration

Mr A Bailey - Scrutiny Officer

SC5 Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting held on 4 November 2020 submitted and signed.

SC6 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Green.

SC7 LGA Model Code of Conduct

The Head of Law and Administration presented the Committee with a report that considered adoption of the LGA Model Code of Conduct for Members (V1 24/06/21).

The Council already had a code of conduct for members. However, the adoption of a national model code would ensure consistency across the country and less confusion for those councillors who act for more than one authority. A revised code would need to be adopted by full Council and updated within the Councils constitution.

The Committee considered the report and made the following comments:-

- Clarification that local variations to the code could be made
- Confirmation that the Council could contribute to an annual review of the code
- A preference for a standardised code

Following the discussion the Committee agreed that Council be recommended to adopt the LGA Model Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED:- That Council be recommended to adopt the LGA Model Code of Conduct.

CHAIR