

# Audit and Governance Committee



Date of meeting:	14 March 2022
Title of Report:	<b>Councillors' Code of Conduct</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Dr John Mahony
Lead Strategic Director:	Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)
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Your Reference:	AGCODE/03.22
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

This report provides the Audit and Governance committee with the outcomes of a recent informal sessions of the Constitution and Civic sub-committee who have met to consider the adoption of the Local Government Association's model code of conduct.

The discussions have led to a recommendation that the model code, with some amendments to reflect local circumstances, is recommended to Council for approval.

## Recommendations and Reasons

Members are asked to consider the recommend the appended code of conduct to Council for approval.

**Reason:** Review of the current code of conduct has identified, that whilst legally compliant, the code would benefit from additions to clarify and ensure understanding on the requirements upon Councillors.

## Alternative options considered and rejected

For Councillors to continue operating under the existing arrangements.

**Rejected** as issues have been identified which have the potential to negatively impact the effectiveness and efficiency of the code.

## Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

An effective code of conduct which is open, transparent and clear supports the democratic values of the Council.

## Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

None arising specifically from this report.

**Financial Risks**

No implications identified.

**Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:**

There are no environmental implications regarding this report.

**Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:**

No other implications

**Appendices**

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**Sign off:**

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Giles Perritt											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 14/03/2022											

Cabinet Member approval: *[electronic signature (or typed name and statement of 'approved by email/verbally']*

Date approved: N/A

