


Non-Executive Report of the: Standards Advisory Committee Thursday, 30 July 2020	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer	Classification: Open (Unrestricted)
Consultation on Draft Model Member Code of Conduct	

Originating Officer(s)	Janet Fasan, Divisional Director, Legal Services
Wards affected	(All Wards);

Executive Summary

This report seeks comments by way of response to the LGAs consultation on the Draft model Code of conduct for members. The consultation commenced on 8th June and concludes on the 17th of August 2020.

Recommendations:

The Standards Advisory Committee is recommended to:

Consider the consultation questions on the draft Model Member Code of Conduct and provide comments.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 This report will enable the council to provide feedback to the LGA on the draft code of conduct prior to the conclusion of consultation on 17th August 2020.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The alternative option is to provide no response. This is not advised .

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 Members of Standards Advisory committee have been provided with a link to the online consultation document and asked to respond. While some members may have responded, there will be some who have not. This report

provides a further opportunity for members of the committee to give their views. The questions upon which comments are required and the draft code are set out in Appendix 1. The LGA is seeking views from officers and members to help them finalise the draft code.

- 3.2 The draft code was produced by LGA following a review of the existing Model Member Code of Conduct and incorporates recommendations from the Committee on Standards in Public Life's recommendations on Local Government Ethical Standards.
- 3.3 The Standards Advisory Committee plays a key role in upholding standards of behaviour on the part members of the council and co-optees, as set out in the current code of conduct. The collective expertise of members of the committee on conduct matters means that they are able to play a role in shaping the draft new code.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None specifically arising from this report.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None specifically arising from this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 6.1 This report recommends that the Standards Advisory Committee respond to the LGA consultation on a draft Code of Conduct for members. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 There are no specific legal implications arising out of the contents of this report.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Appendices

Appendix 1 – LGA Consultation on Draft Model Member Code of Conduct (questionnaire) and draft code.

List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- These must be sent to Democratic Services with the report
- State NONE if none.

Officer contact details for documents:

Or state N/A