

EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Standards Committee held on 8 September 2020

Present

Councillor: M Johnson (Chairman)

Councillors: G Boxall, P Davies, D Evans, M Gass and B Mouland

13 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

14 Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's announcements.

15 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 19 December 2019 were confirmed as a correct record.

16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17 Draft LGA Model Code of Conduct

The Head of Legal Services introduced the report. The purpose of the report was to review the Local Government Association (LGA) Draft Model Code of Conduct that went out to consultation from 8 June 2020 to 15 August 2020. To consider the model code against the proposed draft code at Appendix 2 which had been produced in response to the Standards Committee Working Group.

He went through the draft code recommendation by recommendation; many had been included in the proposed draft code and many were also in place.

Following a discussion and vote:

1. The report of the LGA Draft Model Code was NOTED and it was AGREED that the Monitoring Officer was to respond to the report on behalf of the Committee.
2. It was RECOMMENDED to the Constitution Sub-Committee and Full Council the adoption of the Code of Conduct as set out in Appendix 2;
3. AGREED to delegate to the Monitoring Officer authority to make minor inconsequential amendments to the Code of Conduct prior to approval at Full Council.

18 Code of Conduct Complaints

Councillor Johnson proposed that this item be held in exempt session. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Boxall.

The committee voted on the proposal 6 Councillors voting for the Proposal, no Councillors voting against and no councillors abstaining.

Following the vote, the Committee went into exempt session.

(held in camera)

19 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RECOMMENDED that the press and public be excluded as:

a) It is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, or the nature of the proceedings, that if member of the public were present during the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as specified in Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Local Government Act 1972; and

b) In all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

20 Councillor Code of Conduct

(in camera)

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and concluded at 7.26 pm