



AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Thursday, 26th January, 2023 at 6.30 pm

35. Code of Conduct Review

A report was submitted on the Code of Conduct Review. Members were asked to consider the Borough Council's Code of Conduct (existing Code) for Members and associated Complaints Procedure, following the publication of the Local Government Ethical Standards report produced by The Committee on Standards in Public Life (CSPL) and the Local Government Association's (LGA) Model Code of Conduct (LGA's Model Code).

It was reported that the LGA's Model Code had received a lukewarm response from local authority Monitoring Officers and concerns had been raised over the wording in relation to interests.

- RESOLVED -
- (1) **That the Audit and Standards Committee recommends to Full Council to make the proposed changes to the Council's existing Code and associated Complaints Procedure, as set out in Appendix B in response to the Best Practice recommendations contained in the Local Government Ethical Standards report produced by the CSPL as abstracted in the LGA's Model Code; and**
 - (2) That the decision to adopt the Model Code be deferred for 12 months due to the perceived ambiguities in the LGA's Model Code at this moment in time and review the situation when the position is clearer or the LGA produces an updated code.