



AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Thursday, 19th July, 2018 at 6.30 pm

9. Code of Conduct Review

The Democracy Officer presented a report seeking the Committee's endorsement of a review of section 5.1 of the Council's Code of Conduct in relation to complaints against council members and the changes required to ensure the arrangements were fit for purpose.

A periodic review of existing arrangements had identified some changes which would be beneficial to the complaints process, including timescales for investigations, keeping members informed on progress of an investigation, conduct of officers and members during an investigation and the adoption of a hearing procedure (as attached at Appendix 1 to the report).

The Committee in endorsing the changes said that they would provide a better and more efficient process for dealing with member complaints.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Council's Member Complaints Procedure Guidance at 5.1 of the Constitution be updated in relation to investigation timescales, the maintenance of the general principles of the code during an investigation; and the inclusion of the appendix detailing the procedures for conducting a Code of Conduct Hearing; and**
- (2) That Full Council be recommended to adopt these changes.**