

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING	Standards Committee	
MEETING	12 July 2022	
TITLE:	Revision of Arrangements for dealing with Code of Conduct complaints	
WARD:	All	
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Appendix (1) draft Arrangements for dealing with complaints about the Code of Conduct for Members		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 To consider adopting the revisions to the Arrangements for Dealing with Complaints about the Code of Conduct for Members

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Standards Committee is asked to;

- 2.1 Adopt the draft Arrangements for Dealing with Complaints about the Code of Conduct for Members (Appendix 1)

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 The Bath and North East Somerset Arrangements for Dealing with Complaints about the Code of Conduct for Members ("the Arrangements") were last revised in 2013 (see background paper). In the last 12 months the Monitoring Officer has received feedback from users of and subject to Code of Conduct complaints. In summary the feedback was the Arrangements are not easy to follow for those who are unfamiliar with the process, can be confusing and don't really give a clear account of what to expect during a Local Hearing.
- 3.2 The Monitoring Officer therefore undertook a review of the Arrangements and looked at neighbouring councils and other councils arrangement's. What emerged was that whilst the 2013 Arrangements were not dissimilar to others when taking account of the feedback the Arrangements could be refreshed to provide clarity and make them more accessible to users.

3.3 The 2013 Arrangements has been provided as a background paper to aid comparison with the revised draft Arrangements.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 Under the Localism Act 2011 the council is under a duty to promote and maintain high standards. Refreshing the Arrangements clarifies the Standards procedure.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 No direct implications

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 Adherence to robust standards of conduct mitigates potential complaints about standards issues.

7. EQUALITIES

6.1 No direct impact

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

8.1 No direct impact

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None

10. CONSULTATION

10.1 The S.151 and Monitoring Officer have been consulted

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Background papers	Arrangements for Dealing with Complaints about the Code of Conduct for Members
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