

Item 7 (a) - LGA Model Code of Conduct - Recommendation of Working Group

The attached report was considered by the Standards Committee and the Governance Committee, and the relevant minute extracts are below:

Standards Committee (12 April 2021, Minute 11)

Members considered the recommendations of the Working Group who met to consider the Local Government Association's Model Code of Conduct. The Working Group had concluded that the proposals did not add material advantages to the Council's Code of Conduct, therefore resolved that the Council's existing Code of Conduct be retained.

The Working Group were thanked for their thorough and careful consideration of the proposals.

Resolved: That

- a) the existing Sevenoaks District Council Members' Code of Conduct be endorsed and retained subject to any comments from the Governance Committee, be recommended to Council; and
- b) the report be referred to the Governance Committee for comment.

Governance Committee (22 June 2021, Minute 4)

Members considered the recommendations of the Working Group which met to consider the Local Government Association's Model Code of Conduct. The Working Group had concluded that the proposals did not add material advantages to the Council's Code of Conduct and therefore resolved that the Council's existing Code of Conduct be retained.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council that the existing Sevenoaks District Council Members' Code of Conduct be endorsed and retained.