

## **AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**26 September 2024**

**Draft Minute Extract**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS**

(AG140)

The Monitoring Officer introduced the report which recommended that the Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct be adopted. The proposal had been supported by the cross-party Constitution Working Group at a meeting on 6 September 2024. She outlined the main changes in the new code compared to the Council's current code of conduct and advised that training for all Members would be provided.

The Monitoring Officer responded to questions from Councillors including confirming that a further report updating the accompanying guidance and complaints process would be submitted to the November meeting of the committee for onward recommendation to Council.

#### **RECOMMENDED (TO COUNCIL):**

- 1. That the Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct for Councillors be adopted as the Winchester City Council Code of Conduct to come into force on 1 January 2025.**
- 2. That the recommendation for all councillors to attend training on the new code on the 14 November 2024 be endorsed.**
- 3. That the Monitoring Officer advise all Parish and Town councils of the adoption of the Code.**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the report be noted.