

Standards Committee

LGA Response to the Review of Local Government Ethical Standards 7 June 2018

Report of The Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Standards Committee of the recent consultation by the committee on standards in public life and the local government ass response to the review of ethical standards.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) Note the Local Government Association response to the review of the local government ethical standards

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The committee on standards on public life have recently consulted on a review of local go ethical standards. The review ended on the 16.3.18
- 1.2 The local Government Association as the national voice of local government responded to the consultation a copy is attached in app 1.
- 1.3 Of note in the response was a concern about principal councils' ability to resolve complaints and standards issues at parish and town council level. It also suggests consideration is given to allowing principal councils the power to charge Parish and Town Councils.
- 1.4 Mention is made of the political nature of the Police and Crime Commissioner, in the event of criminal investigations.
- 1.5 The Committee may also wish to consider the commentary on the harassment of councillors and the need for guidance on what is reasonable protest or comment and what crosses the line into abuse and harassment.

2. Proposal Details

- 2.1 Copy of LGA response attached in app 1.

3. Details of Consultation

- 3.1 None

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

None

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, HR, Sustainability and Rural Proofing):

None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS, such as Human Resources, Information Services, Property, Open Spaces:

None

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

None

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has compiled this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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