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| <b>CONSTITUTION AND ETHICS COMMITTEE</b> | AGENDA ITEM No. 9    |
| <b>22 NOVEMBER 2021</b>                  | <b>PUBLIC REPORT</b> |

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| Report of:                     | Fiona McMillan, Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer      |             |
| Cabinet Member(s) responsible: | Councillor Cereste, Cabinet Member for Digital Services and Transformation |             |
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**UPDATE ON NATIONAL ISSUES – CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING PARISH COUNCILS**

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| <b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>   |                           |
| <b>FROM: Fiona McMillan, Director of Law and Governance</b>  | <b>Deadline date: N/A</b> |
| <p>It is recommended that Constitution and Ethics Committee note the training provided to Parish Councils on the LGA model code of conduct</p> |                           |

**1. ORIGIN OF REPORT**

1.1 This report is submitted to the Constitution and Ethics Committee following a request from the Monitoring Officer.

**2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Constitution and Ethics Committee with an update to state that training had been provided by the Monitoring Officer to Parish Councils within the boundaries of Peterborough City Council

2.2 This report is for the Constitution and Ethics Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 2.7.2.6

To have oversight of parish councils' codes of conduct and registers of interests, and authority to consider complaints regarding parish councillors.

**3. TIMESCALES**

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| Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan? | <b>NO</b> | If yes, date for Cabinet meeting |  |
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**4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

4.1 Peterborough City Council adopted the new LGA model code of conduct and its associated guidance at its Full Council meeting on 28 July 2021.

4.2 As part of this new code of conduct the Council organised training for Parish Councils to provide them with information on the new code and to encourage them to adopt the new code where applicable.

4.3 Training was provided via zoom on 13 October and was attended by 23 Parish Councillors. The session was recorded and circulated to all Parish Councils along with a copy of the slide show presented on the night.

## **5. CONSULTATION**

5.1 Not applicable.

## **6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

6.1 It is anticipated that Parish Councils will now take on board the new model code of conduct.

## **7. IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial Implications**

7.1 There are none.

### **Legal Implications**

7.2 There are none.

### **Equalities Implications**

7.3 There are none.

## **8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

8.1 LGA model code of conduct

## **9. APPENDICES**

9.1 None.