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| CONSTITUTION AND ETHICS COMMITTEE | AGENDA ITEM No. 6 |
| 9 JULY 2018 | PUBLIC REPORT |

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| Report of: | Fiona McMillan Interim Director of Law and Governance & Monitoring Officer | |
| Cabinet Member responsible: | Cllr David Seaton – Cabinet Member for Resources | |
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UPDATE ON ISSUES OF NATIONAL INTEREST - COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE

| R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S | |
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| FROM: Interim Director of Law and Governance & Monitoring Officer | Deadline date: N/A |
| <p>It is recommended that Constitution and Ethics Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note the Committee on Standards in Public Life have undertaken a review of local government standards | |

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to Constitution and Ethics Committee by the Council's Monitoring Officer.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 As part of updating The Constitution and Ethics Committee on issues of national interest, which may have an impact on local government.

2.2 This report is for Constitution and Ethics Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 2.7.2.2

Authority to oversee and approve the operation of the Council's functions relating to the promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct amongst members and co-opted members of the Council including:

- Promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Members and coopted members;
- Assisting the Members and co-opted members to observe the Code of Conduct;
- Advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Code of Conduct;
- Monitoring the operation of the Code of Conduct;
- Advising, training or arranging to train Members and co-opted members on matters relating to the Code of Conduct.

3. **TIMESCALES**

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

- 4.1 The Committee on Standards in Public Life wrote to the Prime Minister in January 2018 to inform the Government that the Committee was to undertake a review of local government standards. **(Attached at Appendix A)**
- 4.2 As part of this review, the Committee held a public stakeholder consultation. The consultation closed on Friday 18 May 2018. **(Attached at Appendix B)**
- 4.3 A report on the findings of the Committee will be completed by the end of the year.

5. **APPENDICES**

- 5.1 Appendix A – Letter from Committee on Standards in Public Life to Prime Minister
- 5.2 Appendix B – Public stakeholder consultation letter