

**STANDARDS TASK AND FINISH GROUP
TERMS OF REFERENCE – DRAFT**

28.07.2020

Core Objectives:

- To consider the LGA consultation on the new model code of conduct and provide a response to the LGA
- To consider the Committee for Standards in Public Life report (Jan 19) best practice suggestions and make recommendations for implementation to the Audit and Governance Committee
- To review the NWLDC Members' code of conduct and arrangements for dealing with complaints in the light of the CforSPL report, work being carried out by the LGA and any new legislation and make recommendations to the Audit and Governance Committee.

Exclusions:

- Individual allegations of breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct – these are dealt with under the existing arrangements adopted by Council in July 2012.
- Parish council's members code of conduct – parishes are required to adopt their own codes of conduct although we do encourage them to adopt the same/similar one to NWL for consistency.

Membership:

Area of responsibility	Representative
Member	Cllr Carl Benfield
Member	Cllr John Clarke
Member	Cllr Keith Merrie
Member	Cllr Sean Sheahan
Head of Legal and Commercial Services and MO	Elizabeth Warhurst
Legal Team Manager and Deputy MO	Elisabeth Tomlinson

Meetings:

Initial meeting – Friday 28 August

Frequency - to be agreed

Meetings will be held virtually by preference to support government guidance around individuals working from home where possible. Meetings will be held via MS Teams.