

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 2026



Title of Report	MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT ANNUAL REPORT	
Presented by	Rochelle Tapping Interim Head of Legal and Support Services and Monitoring Officer	
Background Papers	The Localism Act 2011 The current Councillors' Code of Conduct is available on the website and in the Constitution	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	There are no financial implications to be considered	
	Signed off by the Acting Section 151 Officer: yes	
Legal Implications	The report details complaints made to the Monitoring Officer under the Code of Conduct for Councillors for the period 2025/26. The report also allows the work and purposes of the Audit and Governance Committee in relation to standards matters to be communicated to the public.	
	Signed off by the Interim Monitoring Officer: yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	None arising from the report. The purpose of the Audit and Governance Committee is to oversee the Council's corporate governance.	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: yes	
Purpose of Report	The Committee's Terms of Reference states that a report to full Council is required on the Committee's performance and effectiveness. The Annual Report sets out the Committee's work in relation to standards matters and the Committee is being asked to approve it prior to submission to Council. The Committee is also being asked to authorise the Interim Head of Legal and Support Services and Monitoring Officer to make any minor amendments following comments from the Committee.	
Recommendations	THAT THE COMMITTEE: NOTES THE ANNUAL MEMBER CONDUCT REPORT 2025/26 AND RECOMMENDS ITS SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL ON 11 JUNE 2026.	

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 It is important that the work of the Audit and Governance Committee should be visible to the Council and wider public. The Annual Member Conduct Report is attached as an appendix. The Annual Member Conduct Report acts as a helpful tool in communicating the work undertaken by the Audit and Governance Committee in relation to standards matters to the public and to Members.
- 1.2 The Committee is asked to note the Member Conduct Annual Report 2025/26 and recommend its submission to Council on 11 June 2026.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	A Well-Run Council
Policy Considerations:	The Code of Conduct for Councillors and the Constitution.
Safeguarding:	N/A
Equalities/Diversity:	Detailed in the Annual Member Conduct Report attached as an appendix.
Customer Impact:	None arising directly from the report. Details regarding the process for making a complaint about a councillor are on the Council's website.
Economic and Social Impact:	N/A
Environment, Climate Change and Zero Carbon	N/A
Consultation/Community/Tenant Engagement:	N/A
Risks:	By reporting on complaints made under the Member Code of Conduct to the Monitoring Officer and ensuring the Code of Conduct is kept under review by the Committee, and endorsed by Full Council, the Council can ensure that Members are aware of their obligations under the Code and mitigate risks associated with misconduct and non-compliance.
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