

Title of Report	MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT ANNUAL REPORT	
Presented by	Councillor Nicholas Rushton Infrastructure Portfolio Holder	
Background Papers	Agenda for Audit and Governance Committee 10 June 2026	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	There are no financial implications to be considered.	
	Signed off by the Acting Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	There are no legal implications to be considered.	
	Signed off by the Interim Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	None arising from this report.	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	To provide a summary of the work undertaken by the Audit and Governance Committee during the year 2025/26 in relation to member conduct standards work. The Committee's Terms of Reference states that a report to full Council is required on the Committee's performance and effectiveness.	
Recommendations	THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE ANNUAL MEMBER CONDUCT REPORT 2025/2026.	

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 acts as a helpful tool in communicating the work undertaken by the Audit and Governance Committee in relation to member conduct. The Annual Member Conduct Report is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The Annual Member Conduct Report covering the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 will be considered by the Audit and Governance Committee at its meeting on 10 June 2026. A link to the agenda of the Audit and Governance Committee is in the background papers section to this report. A verbal update will be brought to the Full Council meeting, owing to the short timeframe between the two meetings.
- 1.3 Council is being asked to note the details of the report for 2025/26.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	A well-run Council.
Policy Considerations:	The Code of Conduct and Constitution.
Safeguarding:	N/A.
Equalities/Diversity:	Detailed in the Draft 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 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 Audit and Governance 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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