

## ITEM 20A – LOCALISM ACT 2011

### REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS

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##### Standards Committee

- (a) **Issue 1- The Standards Committee Recommendations:** To create an Advisory Committee with independent Members with voting rights operating in the same way as the current Standards Committee but advising full Council. The Members of the existing Standards Committee would be appointed to the Committee
- (b) **Alternative Recommendation:** That the Council establish a Standards Committee comprising 5 elected Members of the District Council, appointed proportionally;
- (c) That the Leader of the Council be requested to nominate to the Committee only one Members who is a Member of the Executive;

##### Code of Conduct

- (d) **Issue 2- The Standards Committee Recommendation:** The Standards Committee recommends the adoption of code prepared by the Committee and contained in **Essential Reference Paper B**
- (e) **Alternative Recommendation:** Adopt the Local Government Association's "Template code and guidance note on conduct". **(Essential Reference Paper C)**
- (f) That, when the Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Regulations are published, the Monitoring Officer, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, add to that draft Code provisions which he considers to be appropriate for the registration and disclosure of interests other than Disclosure Pecuniary

Interests.

### **Arrangements for Dealing with Complaints**

- (g) **Issue 3- The Standards Committee recommendation:** Adopt the proposals set out in **Essential Reference Paper D**
- (h) **Alternative Recommendation:** Adopt the Proposals set out in **Essential Reference Paper E;**

### **Independent Persons**

- (i) **Issue 4-** The Council join with other authorities with a pool of Independent Persons;
- (j) That the Independent Persons be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses

### **Register of Members' Interests**

- (k) **Issue 5-** That the Monitoring Officer prepare and maintain a new register of Members' interests to comply with the requirements of the Act and of the Council's Code of Conduct, once adopted, and ensure that it is available for inspection as required by the Act;
- (l) That the Monitoring Officer ensure that all Members are informed of their duty to register interests.
- (m) That the Monitoring Officer prepare and maintain new registers of Member' interests for each Parish Council and any Code of Conduct adopted by each Parish Council and ensure that it is available for inspection as required by the Act; and
- (n) That the Monitoring Officer arrange to inform and train Parish Clerks on the new registration arrangements.

### **Standing Orders**

- (o) **Issue 6-** The Monitoring Officer be instructed to recommend to

Council a Standing Order which equated to the current Code of Conduct requirement that a Member must from the meeting room, including from the public gallery, during the while of consideration of any item of business in which he/she has a Disclosure Pecuniary Interest, except where he is permitted to remain as a result of the grant of a dispensation.

(p) **Issue 7-** The Monitoring Officer be instructed to recommend to Council a Standing Order which equates to the current Code of Conduct requirement that where a decision is to be made by a single Member the decision will be referred to the Executive if he/she has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, except where he is permitted to remain as a result of the grant of a dispensation.

### **Dispensations**

(q) Issue 8- That Council delegate the power to grant dispensations-

(r) On Grounds set out in Paragraphs 11.2 (a) and 11.2 (d) of this report to the Monitoring Officer with an appeal to Standards Committee, and;

(s) On Grounds 11.2 (b), 11.2 (c), 11.2 (e) to the Standards Committee after consultation with the Independent Person.