

Action tracker

Audit and governance committee recommendations: 20 September 2020

Action	Status
Summary of the Nolan principles could be included in the agenda papers for Herefordshire Council committee agendas and to encourage parish council to adopt the same approach.	Herefordshire Council agendas do have the Nolan Principles included. New recommendation from Standards held on 12 January 2022 is to continue to encourage parish councils to adopt the same approach.
The parish councils be consulted on the arrangements for dealing with code of conduct complaints.	Review of arrangements was started and put on hold as the LGA were producing model arrangements. Model arrangements form part of the annual code of conduct report for consideration for adoption.

Recommendations from Standards Panel to Audit and Governance Committee in September 2020

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Audit and governance consider whether the subject member details should be published where there is a finding of no breach of the code.	There has been no decision to publish decision notices where there is a finding of no breach of the code
A public interest test criteria be developed which can be published on the website.	A public interest test criteria was developed and used by the Monitoring officer but is not currently on the website
Guidance on social media be included as part of the code of conduct.	A review of the code of conduct was commenced but put on hold pending the LGA model code of conduct and guidance. Guidance was released in summer 2021 and forms part of the annual code of conduct report for consideration for adoption with minor local amendments.
The arrangements for dealing with code of conduct complaints be reviewed with regard to the provision and standard of evidence required by both parties.	Review of arrangements was started and put on hold as the LGA were producing model arrangements. Model arrangements form part of the annual code of conduct report for consideration for adoption.
Guidance be issued to parish councils in connection with planning applications and the requirements to declare interests.	Guidance produced and circulated.

<p>To consider promoting membership of HALC to parish councils;</p>	<p>Is to be reviewed by the new chief executive how the council works with HALC and all town and parish councils</p>
<p>Consider whether a template could be used for appeals under the arrangements for dealing with code of conduct complaint;</p>	<p>Considered but not at this time progressed.</p>
<p>Consider adding a question to the code of conduct complaints form to ask what resolution complainants are seeking</p>	<p>Review of arrangements was started and put on hold as the LGA were producing model arrangements.</p> <p>Model arrangements form part of the annual code of conduct report for consideration for adoption.</p> <p>Complainants are asked what resolution they wish to see but the form will be revised when the arrangements are updated / revised.</p>