

INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
HEAD OF GOVERNANCE	AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE	26 MAY 2022	7

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL STANDARDS: GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The Committee on Standards in Public Life published its report on ethical standards in local government in January 2019. The report included good practice recommendations and recommendations to Government for legislation. The Government has now published its response to the report. The response indicates that the Government disagrees with some of the recommendations and does not have immediate plans to implement most of the remainder. Links to the report and the Government response are included below.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Department for Levelling-up, Housing & Communities.

LINK TO INFORMATION

Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life: www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-ethical-standards-report

Government response: gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-ethical-standards-government-response-to-the-committee-on-standards-in-public-life-report/government-response-to-the-committee-on-standards-in-public-life-review-of-local-government-ethical-standards

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WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

The terms of reference of Audit & Standards Committee include promoting and maintaining the highest ethical standards and conduct by councillors. The committee is responsible for operating a locally based system for assessment of complaints that a member may have breached the Code of Conduct.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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