

Meeting:	Council
Date:	5 March 2026
Title:	Amendments to the Members Code of Conduct and The Councils Whistle Blowing Policy
Author:	Iwan G D Evans – Head of Legal Services – Monitoring Officer
Purpose:	To recommend that the Council adopts the statutory revisions to the Members Principles of Conduct and the Members Code of Conduct Accept Information about Amendments to the Constitution

Background

Revisions to the Principles of Conduct and Members Code of Conduct

The Local Government (Standards Committees and Member Conduct) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2025 which came into force on the 5th of January 2026 introduced a series of amendments to the arrangements in relation to who may be appointed as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee and also amended the provisions of the Principles of Conduct and the Members Code of Conduct .

Under Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000 the Council is required to adopt a Code of Conduct for Members and to adopt any revisions within 6 months of the date on which they are made.:

- 2(2) It is the duty of a relevant authority, before the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which any subsequent order under [section 50](#) which applies to them is made, to pass a resolution–
- (a) adopting a code of conduct in place of their existing code of conduct under this section, or
 - (b) revising their existing code of conduct under this section.”

The revisions are highlighted in Appendix 1. The Council is formally asked to adopt them in accordance with the statutory requirement. The Council is also asked to authorise the amendments in the Local Resolution Procedure to correspond with the Code of Conduct where reference is made to these provisions.

Whistle Blowing Policy

At its meeting on the 20th of January 2026 the Cabinet formally adopted a revised Whistleblowing Policy. As the Whistleblowing Policy is included in the Constitution, I will be replacing the previous policy in the published Constitution in accordance in order to reflect this decision. As required, I am reporting on this change to the Full Council for information. The Policy is appended at Appendix 2.

Decision Sought

- 1. The Council is formally asked to adopt the amendments to the Principles of Conduct and the Members Code of Conduct in accordance with the statutory requirement. The Council is also asked to authorise the Monitoring Officer to amend the Local Resolution Procedure to correspond with the Code of Conduct where reference is made to these provisions.**
- 2. The notes the inclusion of the revised Whistle Blowing Policy in the Constitution.**

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No objections to the decision sought from the perspective of financial propriety.