

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE
DATE: 31ST JANUARY 2018
REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND COMMISSIONING
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SUBJECT: REVISED MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Purpose of Report

1. To present an updated draft of the Members' Code of Conduct (the Code) for consideration.
2. To present an updated version of the Declaration of Interest Form (the Form) for review.

Recommended: That Members

- [1] approve the revised Code of Conduct and refer it to the Fire Authority for adoption; and
- [2] approve the revised Declaration of Interest Form.

Background

3. The Committee considered a report on the Code at its meeting in November 2017. Members agreed that the Code should be updated as outlined in the report and asked that at the same time the Form should be submitted to the Committee for review.

Information

4. The Code (which is attached as Appendix 1 to this report) has been updated and now includes: wording concerned with information and confidentiality; and a revised section dealing with declarations of interests and participation in meetings. There have also been some minor drafting changes and reordering of small elements of the Code. Changes which are of any significance are highlighted.
5. The Form (which is attached as Appendix 2) has been updated with a view to making it a little easier to understand. However, it is substantially the same as the version in current use.

Financial Implications

6. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

7. There are criminal offences associated with failures to declare certain interests. The Code and Form provide clarity about these.

Equality and Diversity Implications

8. There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

Environmental Implications

9. There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE