

Council 13 December 2021

Item 8a refers

Recommendation from the Audit and Standards Committee meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## 2. LGA MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

**RECOMMEND to Council for adoption:**

**Appendix B – Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct with local amendments.**

### **Update**

Since the meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee on 20 October 2021 , Leicestershire County Council has adopted the revised Code with the following addition:

We did make a further amendment to the code to add this as para 3.2.2 in the interests section *[this section can be found on page 15 of 20 within Appendix B]*

'3.2.2. The provisions of paragraph 3.1.1 and 3.2.1 shall be applied in such a manner as to recognise that this Code should not obstruct a member's service on more than one local authority. For the avoidance of doubt, participation in discussion and decision making at one local authority will not by itself normally prevent you from taking part in discussion and decision making on the same matter at another local authority. This is on the basis that a reasonable member of the public will see no objection in principle to such service or regard it as prejudicing a member's judgement of the public interest and will only regard a matter as giving rise to a Personal Interest which might lead to bias in exceptional circumstances'

**The Audit and Standards Committee wanted a standard code across Leicestershire and as such it is suggested that Council consider including the above amendment to the recommendation from Audit and Standards Committee.**

**The report to the Audit and Standards Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and associated appendices are attached.**