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REPORT TO:	ETHICS COMMITTEE 22 NOVEMBER 2012
AGENDA ITEM NO:	10
SUBJECT:	MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES GUIDANCE
LEAD OFFICER:	COUNCIL SOLICITOR, DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SERVICES & MONITORING OFFICER
CABINET MEMBER:	N/A
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: The Ethics Committee is responsible for commenting on the content of guidance and advice to be issued to elected and non-elected Members.	
FINANCIAL IMPACT Implementation of the recommendations contained in this report shall be contained within existing budgets	
FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: N/A	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

- 1.1 Consider and approve the revised guidance to Members and Officers on Outside Bodies (Appendix 1).

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 Following statutory amendments to the ethics regime, full Council adopted a new Code of Conduct and directed that the newly established Ethics Committee be responsible for commenting on the content of guidance and advice to be issued to Members.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Localism Act 2011 introduced a new statutory ethical regime for local government, and following the full Council meeting, the Council adopted a new regime for the Council and a new Code of Conduct. The Council also replaced the former Standards Committee with a new Ethics Committee.
- 3.2 In order to take these changes into account, updates have been made to the guidance issued to Members and Officers on outside bodies, attached at Appendix 1.

3.3 In addition, certain typographical and formatting amendments have been made. The contents have been checked to ensure that the guidance remains up to date.

3.4 It is proposed to issue the revised guidance, once approved by the Committee, to Members by the end of the Month.

4. FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal consequences arising from the contents of this report beyond those set out in the body of the report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None