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## Council

### Additional papers:

**Agenda item 14 Political and Constitutional Structures  
2022-2023 – Appendix 3 Committee appointments**

**Update to: Appendix 6 Appointments to outside bodies**

**Agenda item 15 Constitution: code of conduct –  
recommendations from Ethics & Standards  
Committee 4 May 2022**

**Agenda item 19 Ethics Regime in Local Government –  
recommendations from the Ethics and Standards  
Committee 4 May 2022**

**6pm  
Wednesday, 11 May 2022  
Council Chamber  
Wyre Forest House  
Finepoint Way  
Kidderminster**



**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**  
**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEES 2022/2023**

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| <p>Appointments and Appeals Committee</p> <p>Chairman:<br/>Vice-Chairman:</p>    | <p>Leader of the Council<br/>Deputy Leader</p>   |
| <p>Audit Committee</p> <p>Chairman:<br/>Vice-Chairman:</p>                       | <p>Councillor Roger Coleman<br/>Councillor Young</p>   |
| <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Chairman:<br/>Vice-Chairman:</p>       | <p>Councillor Hart<br/>Councillor Rook</p>   |
| <p>Licensing and Environmental Committee</p> <p>Chairman:<br/>Vice-Chairman:</p> | <p>Councillor Whitehouse<br/>Councillor Anna Coleman</p>   |
| <p>Licensing Sub-Committee</p>   | <p>A rota of 3 Members of the Licensing and Environmental Committee, including, and Chaired by, the Committee's Chairman or Vice-Chairman.</p> |
| <p>Planning Committee</p> <p>Chairman:<br/>Vice-Chairman:</p>                    | <p>Councillor Anna Coleman<br/>Councillor Barnett</p>  |
| <p>Ethics and Standards Committee</p> <p>Chairman:<br/>Vice-Chairman:</p>        | <p>Councillor Edginton-White<br/>Councillor Dawes</p>  |
| <p>Local Plans Review Panel</p> <p>Chairman:<br/>Vice-Chairman:</p>              | <p>Councillor Harrison<br/>Councillor Sheppard</p>   |

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| Strategic Review Panel<br><br>Chairman:<br>Vice-Chairman: | Leader of the Council<br>Deputy Leader |
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**Representation on Outside Bodies 2022/2023**

| <b>External Body</b>   | <b>Representative<br/>2021/2022</b> | <b>Representative<br/>2022/2023</b> | <b>Number of Representatives</b>         |
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| 10:32 Wyre Forest Early Help<br>(formerly Tree Tops Sure Start Children's<br>Centre) | Councillor Sally Chambers           | Councillor Nicky Gale               | 1 Foley Park and Hoobrook<br>Ward Member |
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WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL  
11 MAY 2022

CONSTITUTION: CODE OF CONDUCT

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ETHICS & STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
4 MAY 2022

**Purpose of Report**

To consider recommendations from the Ethics & Standards Committee on amendments to the Code of Conduct.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Would Councillors please note that the related reports and documents have not been included in the Council book, as they have already been sent to Members via the committee agenda pack. A public inspection copy is available on request. The policy documents, referred to below, have been posted on the Council's website. See the report on page 11 of the pdf at this link:

[http://www.wyreforest.gov.uk/council/docs/doc57532\\_20220504\\_eths\\_agenda.pdf](http://www.wyreforest.gov.uk/council/docs/doc57532_20220504_eths_agenda.pdf)

| RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL   | CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR MEETING HELD ON 4 MAY 2022 |
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| <p><b>Amended Member Code of Conduct</b></p> <p><b>The Ethics &amp; Standards Committee recommends that:</b></p> <p><b>1.1 Council adopts the amended code as detailed at appendix 1 of the report, to be applied from 11 May 2022.</b></p> <p><b>1.2 Delegate any minor amendments to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Ethics and Standards Committee Chair.</b></p> <p><b>1.3 All Town and Parish Councils within the District adopt the final amended code.</b></p> | <p><b>Councillor G Ballinger</b></p>                           |

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL  
11 MAY 2022

ETHICS REGIME IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ETHICS & STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
4 MAY 2022

**Purpose of Report**

To consider recommendations from the Ethics & Standards Committee on the Ethics Regime in Local Government following the Council’s resolution in February, to await the final Government response to the recommendations of the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

| <b>RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL</b>  | <b>CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR MEETING HELD ON 4 MAY 2022</b> |
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| <p><b>Ethics Regime in Local Government</b></p> <p><b>1. The Ethics Committee SUPPORTS and WELCOMES;</b></p> <p><b>i the Government’s expectation that Council resources are not wasted on councillor vs councillor, “tit for tat” complaints between political parties;</b></p> <p><b>ii the Government’s expectation that, if an elected member is a member of a political group, they would also expect to be subject to party discipline, including being removed from that group or their party;</b></p> <p><b>iii the Government’s recommendation that every political party establish their own code of conduct for party members, including elected representatives;</b></p> <p><b>iv the Government’s confirmation that Councillors can be barred from Cabinet, Committees, or representative roles, and may be publicly criticised;</b></p> <p><b>v that the Government will engage with sector representative bodies of councillors and officers of all tiers of local government to seek views on options to strengthen sanctions to address breaches of the code which fall below the bar of criminal activity and related sanctions but involve serious incidents of bullying and harassment or disruptive behaviour.</b></p> | <p><b>Councillor<br/>G Ballinger</b></p>                              |