

MINUTE EXTRACT

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL ETHICAL GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

2 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr R Webber-Jones - Chairman
Cllr SL Bray – Vice-Chairman
Cllr RG Allen, Cllr DC Bill MBE, Cllr MB Cartwright, Cllr MA Cook and
Cllr L Hodgkins

Officers in attendance: Julie Kenny and Rebecca Owen

314. **Declarations of interest**

No interests were declared.

315. **Code of conduct review**

Consideration was given to the updated code of conduct. It was noted that Leicestershire County Council and several Leicestershire districts had adopted the same version.

Concern was expressed about the wording of the first point of 12.1 and it was suggested that it read that a dispensation would only be granted once. It was agreed that this would be amended.

Clarification was sought on the definition of “partner” in appendix B and whether it should include additional wording to read “...with whom you are living as if you are married or civil partners”. It was noted that this was wording specified in the Localism Act but would be clarified in guidance on the Register of Interests form.

In response to a question from a member, it was noted that the Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Local Councils, supported by the National Association of Local Councils, was continuing to encourage town and parish councils to adopt the locally amended code of conduct and, at this stage, there was no indication that any would not be adopting it.

In relation to training, it was stated that a training provider had been procured and dates would be circulated in due course. There would be a combination of face to face and virtual training to capture as many borough and town/parish councillors as possible.

It was moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Cartwright and

RESOLVED – the model code of conduct as amended for local use be endorsed and **RECOMMENDED** to Council.