



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council name	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	COUNCIL - 17 MARCH 2021
Report Number	AGENDA ITEM 11
Subject	ADOPTION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSESSING ALLEGATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT
Wards affected	ALL
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Summary/Purpose	To recommend that Council adopt the Arrangements approved by Audit Committee at its meeting on the 28 th January 2021
Annexes	Annex A – Arrangements for Assessing Allegations under the Code of Conduct
Recommendation/s	That Council adopt the Arrangements attached at Annex A with immediate effect.
Corporate priorities	None
Key Decision	NO
Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	The report author has consulted with Audit Committee and a version of the document approved by Audit Committee was sent to all Town and Parish Councils.

1. BACKGROUND

On the 28 January 2021, the Audit Committee considered a report from the Monitoring Officer, which can be viewed [here](#)

1.1 Audit Committee resolved to accept all of the recommendations, one of which was to recommend the Arrangements to Council for adoption.

1.2 The Monitoring Officer sent the draft Arrangements to the Independent Persons and to the clerks of all town and parish councils with a request for comments. A response was received from Mr Acton, one of the Independent Persons to clarify the public interest test and the document at Annex A has been amended accordingly. At the time of publication, no other responses have been received, but any further responses will be reported at the meeting.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report. There are resource implications in dealing with complaints under the Code of Conduct, but these form part of the role of the Monitoring Officer

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1. The Council must adopt Arrangements for assessing allegations under the Code of Conduct in accordance with Section 28 Localism Act 2011. Adoption of the attached Arrangements will comply with this requirement and the Best Practice Recommendations made by the Committee for Standards in Public Life.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1. There are no risks identified as a result of the recommendations made in this report.

5. EQUALITIES IMPACT (IF REQUIRED)

5.1. None

6. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS (IF REQUIRED)

6.1. None

7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

7.1. The Council must adopt Arrangements but could ask for amendments to be made to the draft appended to this report. This is not recommended as the document has already been approved by the Audit Committee.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1. None.

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