

Subject: A Revised Code of Conduct for
Local Authority Members

Status: For Publication

Report to: The Cabinet

Date: 21st February 2007

Report of: Head of Legal & Democratic Services

Portfolio

Holder: Finance and Risk Management

Key Decision: NO

Forward Plan

General Exception

Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To enable Members to comment on a Revised Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members (Appendix 1)

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report directly impact on the corporate priority.

- Delivering the District Vision

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- Loss of confidence in Members, the Council and local democracy
- Bad publicity

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

4.1 The Government has published a Consultation Paper (attached) which seeks views on a draft of a proposed new model Code of Conduct for local authority members. The Consultation Paper provides an explanatory commentary on the proposals and invites views on them, to be received by Friday, 9th March 2007.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

5.1 There are no immediate financial implications.

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

6.1 As in the Report.

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

7.1 There are no human resources implications.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 Members are requested to comment on the Revised Code

9. RECOMMENDATION

9.1 That the Cabinet's comments be sent as the Council's response to the consultation.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 The Constitutional Working Group

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Revised Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members Consultation Paper	Futures Park, Bacup