

**Teignbridge District Council
Full Council 25 July 2023
Part i**

Report Title

Revision of the Appendix of the Council's Code of Conduct for members.

Purpose of Report

To seek the Council's approval for the proposed minor change to the Appendix of the Council's Code of Conduct for Members, as detailed below.

Recommendation

That the words 'any unpaid directorship' be removed from the second paragraph so that it shall read as follows:

"Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation": means any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this decision.

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Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications arising out of this report, save that the amendment is necessary to cure a defect and to bring the Council's adopted Code of Conduct in line with the Local Government Association's (LGA) Model Code.

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Risk Assessment

There are no significant risks arising from this report.

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Environmental/Climate Change Implications

None

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Appendices/Background Papers

Appendix 1 – Revised wording of Appendix to the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 This report arises as a consequence of a review of the Council's Code of Conduct by the Monitoring Officer.
- 1.2 Members will be aware that the LGA issued a Model Code of Conduct along with associated guidance for use/adoption by all local Authorities in England and Wales.
- 1.3 The Council adopted the Model Code on 22 April 2021.
- 1.4 However, it has subsequently become apparent that the Model Code adopted by the Council contained an error. That error was identified by the LGA and an amended Model Code issued. The Council did not adopt the amended Model Code.
- 1.5 The error being that of the inclusion of unpaid directorships as a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI), when in fact they fall under (and must be registered as) Other Registerable Interests (ORI).
- 1.6 No adverse impact has occurred regarding any member's ability to take part in debate or vote in respect of a particular agenda item. The reason being that any member having either a DPI or ORI is unable to be present during or take part in any debate regarding any matter to which that interest relates.