

**Teignbridge District Council  
Full Council 28 November 2023  
Part i**

**Report Title**

Adoption of the revised process for dealing with Member Code of Conduct Complaints.

**Purpose of Report**

To seek the Council's approval for the revised process for dealing with Member Code of Conduct Complaints.

**Recommendation**

That the revised process be approved.

**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 revision is necessary to address shortcomings in the existing process and to incorporate additional stages.

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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 - Complaints Process for Members (Draft V1.3)  
Appendix 2 - Complaints Process for Members (Draft V1.2)

### **1. Introduction/Background**

The Council has a duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members of the authority – section 27 Localism Act 2011.

- 1.1 This report arises as a consequence of a review of the Council's procedure for dealing with Code of Conduct complaints against members.
- 1.2 Members will be aware that in addition to the Model Code of Conduct issued by the LGA for adoption by Local Authorities, the LGA also issued associated guidance for dealing with complaints under that Code. The proposed revised process has been prepared pursuant to that guidance.
- 1.3 On 27 July 2023, the Standards Committee considered and approved version 1.2 of the draft process subject to a number of minor amendments.
- 1.4 Those amendments have been incorporated into version 1.3 shown highlighted.

