

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting27th November 2013

1. Title of Item/Report

The Council's Code of Conduct for Members

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that detailed proposals to update the principles of conduct in the preamble to the Councils Code in light of the revisions to the descriptions of the Nolan principles by the Committee on Standards in public Life.

At the meeting on 4th September, 2013 Cabinet recommended that proposals to update the descriptions of the principles of conduct in the preamble to the Council's code, in light of the revisions to the descriptions of the Nolan principles, should be the subject of further reports to Cabinet and to Council.

Council approved this recommendation at its meeting on the 11th September, 2013.

The Committee on Standards in Public Life had reviewed and revised the descriptions of the Nolan Principles. The original descriptions and the revised versions were attached to the report.

Although the Council's Code of Conduct did not replicate the Nolan principles exactly, it was agreed that consideration should be given to the descriptions of the principles of conduct in the Code's preamble, to determine if any of those descriptions should updated.

Details of the current preamble to the Authority's code of conduct were attached to the report. A suggested revised version of this preamble was also attached to the report, showing the revisions which had been made. These revisions reflected the updated version of the descriptions to the Nolan principles.

Cabinet considered the details at Appendix 3 were appropriate and that they should be recommended for inclusion in the preamble to the Council's Code.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the principles of conduct in the preamble to the Council's code be updated as proposed in the report and detailed at appendix 3.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure that the Council's code and principles of conduct are up to date and that the Council continues to satisfy its duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Members.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

N/A

Proper Officer
29 November 2013