

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of the Standards Committee on Monday 13th November 2023

Public Face of Standards Committee – InTouch Article

Report of the Director of Corporate and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer

Classification	This report is public
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

To consider proposed InTouch article.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 One of the roles of Standards Committee is to increase the public awareness of the Code of Conduct and its application. This can be achieved through use of the Council's communication media. One such channel is the InTouch magazine which is delivered quarterly to homes and businesses across the district.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is a draft Article which explains the standards regime and summarises the code of conduct. It is proposed that the article is included within the January edition.
- 2.2 Whereas some residents will be aware of the need for councillors to act to a certain standard many people will not be aware of the code and when it applies. The proposed article seeks to provide a summary of the position on standards and by using the InTouch magazine it is hoped that this will reach the widest audience possible.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 To increase public awareness of the standards regime.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Not to include an article in InTouch. This is rejected as it is part of Standards Committee’s role to increase the public awareness of the standards regime.

RECOMMENDATION(S) that:

1. The article described in the report is placed in the Council’s InTouch magazine subject to any amendments that the Director of Corporate and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer consider necessary.

<u>IMPLICATIONS:</u>	
<u>Finance and Risk:</u>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details:	On behalf of the Section 151 Officer
<u>Legal (including Data Protection):</u>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details:	On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council
<u>Environment:</u>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details: There are no environment implications arising from the recommendations in this report.	
<u>Staffing:</u>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details:	None arising from this report. On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No

District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Details:

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Demonstrating good governance

DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title
1	Proposed draft article for InTouch

Background Papers
<i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>