

**Council – 5 September, 2017
Agenda Item 7**

**Recommendation from Ethics
Committee 20 July, 2017**

**Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Ethics Committee held at 10.00 am on
Thursday, 20 July 2017**

Present:

Members: Councillor S Walsh (Chair)
Councillor A Andrews
Councillor L Bigham
Councillor K Mulhall

Independent Persons: S Atkinson
A Barton
R Wills
P Wiseman

Employees (by Directorate):

Place S. Bennett, C Bradford, H Lynch, J Newman

Apologies: Councillor D Gannon

RECOMMENDATION

37. Annual Report of the Ethics Committee

The Committee considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) which detailed the work of the Ethics Committee during the 2016/17 Municipal Year, providing an Annual Report for the Committee.

The Annual Report covered the following areas:-

- The membership of the Committee
- Code of Conduct complaints received against Councillors during 2016/17
- Code of Conduct training provided for Councillors, who are required to attend at least every three years.
- The appointment of four Independent Persons to the Committee
- The review of the existing and adoption of a new Council's Complaints Protocol
- The review of the existing and adoption of a new Whistleblowing Policy
- Changes to the Officer and Members Gifts and Hospitality Policy
- Concerns relating to the lack of any meaningful sanctions for Councillors who breach the Code of Conduct
- The operation of the Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- Work undertaken on the Member Officer protocols (which will be submitted to the Committee for consideration at a future meeting)

The Committee approved the Annual Report welcoming, in particular, the successful recruitment of the four new Independent Persons.

RESOLVED that the City Council be recommended to:-

- 1) Note the Annual Report of the Ethics Committee**
- 2) Consider whether there is any work within the Committee's terms of reference that Council would wish the Committee to undertake**