

**Council – 18 July, 2023**  
**Recommendation from Ethics**  
**Committee**  
**29 June, 2023**

**Coventry City Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Ethics Committee held at 11.00 am on Thursday, 29**  
**June 2023**

Present:

Members: Councillor S Nazir (Chair)  
Councillor L Bigham  
Councillor P Hetherton  
Councillor E Reeves  
Councillor D Welsh

Independent Members: S Atkinson  
A Barton  
P Wiseman

Employees (by Service Area):

Law and Governance: J Newman (Chief Legal Officer), S Bennett, S Harriott, A West

Apologies: R Wills

**Public Business**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**3. Annual Report of the Ethics Committee 2022-23**

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Legal Officer which set out the work of the Committee over the last Municipal Year. In particular, the report detailed:-

- The Committee's review of the Complaints Protocol
- Online Safety Bill Update
- The Government's March 2022 Response to the Committee on Standards in Public Life Report of 2019
- Officer Member Protocol Review
- Civility in public life, intimidation in public life and digital citizenship
- Committee on Standards in Public Life Report entitled 'Leading in Practice'

The report also detailed other regular work of the Committee over the last year including receiving regular reports on ethical standards cases across the country; maintaining a watching brief on work being undertaken by the Committee on Standards in Public Life; and locally on supporting Members in dealing with challenges associated with public service, particularly in relation to intimidation and abuse.

Details of the Work Programme for 2023/24 were also highlighted in the report and include:-

- Monitoring and responding to the Local Government Association's work on civility in public life and Digital Citizenship
- Producing a Guide for Councillors on Chamber Skills and Etiquette following training that took place in June, 2023.

The Ethics Committee approved the Annual Report for 2022/23.

**RESOLVED that the City Council be recommended to:**

- 1. Note the Annual Report of the Ethics Committee for 2022/23**
- 2. Consider whether there is any work within the Committee's terms of reference that Council would wish the Committee to undertake**