

Council – 2 September 2025
Recommendation from Ethics
Committee, 26 June 2025

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Ethics Committee held at 11.00 am on Thursday, 26
June 2025

Present:

Members: Councillor S Nazir (Chair)
Councillor L Bigham
Councillor J Gardiner
Councillor P Hetherton
Councillor M Mutton (Substitute for Councillor N Akhtar)
Councillor E M Reeves

Independent Members: S Atkinson
R Wills
P Wiseman

Employees (by Directorate):

Law and Governance: J Newman (Director of Law and Governance), S Bennett, G Holmes. S Manhertz

Apologies: Councillor N Ahktar

Public Business

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

3. Annual Report of Ethics Committee 2024-25

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Law and Governance which set out the work of the Committee over the last Municipal Year. In particular, the report detailed:-

- The Local Code of Corporate Governance
- Code of Conduct Complaints
- Ending Abuse in Public Life - Council's Self Assessment and Toolkit
- Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Report

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.

The Committee had also received an update on Members training during 2024/25 and supported the continuing delivery of the Members Training and Development Strategy, including actions for 2025/26.

Details of the Work Programme for 2025/26 were also highlighted in the report and included:-

- Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Report
- Maintaining a watching brief on any legislative changes arising from the Committee on Standards in Public Life's report and recommendations of January 2019.

The Ethics Committee approved the Annual Report, subject to the addition of the following information prior to its submission to Council:-

- The inclusion of the names of the Independent Persons on the Committee
- Information regarding the outcomes of Code of Conduct complaints

RESOLVED that the City Council be recommended to:

- 1. Note the Annual Report of the Ethics Committee for 2024/25**
- 2. Consider whether there is any work within the Committee's terms of reference that Council would wish the Committee to undertake**