

**Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Ethics Committee held at 11.00 am
on Thursday, 25 June 2026**

Present:

Members: Councillor A Hopkins (Chair)
Councillor L Bigham
Councillor W Davies
Councillor M Heaven
Councillor P Hetherton
Councillor D McCann

Independent persons: S Atkinson, P Wiseman

Also in attendance: Councillors F Beechey, J Odje and E Reeves

Employees (by Directorate):

Law, Governance and J Newman (Director), G Holmes, S Manhertz, C Taylor
Safer Communities

Apologies: Councillor T Jewell
S Atkinson, R Wills

Public Business

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

RECOMMENDATION

3. Annual Report of the Ethics Committee 2025/26

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities, regarding the tenth annual report of the Ethics Committee, setting out the work of the Committee over the last municipal year.

In particular it reported on:

- Code of Conduct Complaints
- Local Code of Corporate Governance
- Ending Abuse in Public Life – Council's Self-Assessment Toolkit
- Local Government and Social care Ombudsman Annual Report
- Preparations for Candidates in the May 2026 Municipal Elections

The report detailed other regular work of the Committee over the last year and set out a brief overview of work to be undertaken in the 2026/27 municipal year.

RESOLVED that the Ethics Committee:-

- 1) Approve the Annual Report of the Committee; and**
- 2) Recommend that Council notes the Annual Report and considers whether there is any work within the Committee's terms of reference that Council would wish the Committee to undertake.**