

**Council – 6 September 2022**  
**Recommendation from the**  
**Ethics Committee, 30 June 2022**

**Coventry City Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Ethics Committee held at 10.00 am on Thursday, 30**  
**June 2022**

Present:

Councillor P Hetherton (Chair for meeting)  
Councillor M Mutton (substitute for Councillor Walsh)  
Councillor S Nazir  
Councillor D Welsh

Independent Persons: A Barton, R Wills, P Wiseman

Employees (by Service Area)

Law and Governance: J Newman (Director), S Bennett, S Harriott

Apologies: Councillor S Walsh and S Atkinson

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Public Business**

**5. Annual Report of the Ethics Committee 2021/22**

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 Committee's review of the Complaints Protocol
- Guidance on Declarations of Interests
- Civility in public life, intimidation in public life and digital citizenship
- The operation of the new Code of Conduct

As well as receiving regular reports on ethical standards cases across the country, the Committee has also maintained a watching brief of work being undertaken by the Committee on Standards in Public Life and on work being done locally on supporting Members in dealing with challenges associated with public life, particularly in relation to intimidation and abuse.

The report also detailed the Work Programme for 2022/23.

The Ethics Committee approved the Annual Report for 2021/221.

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

1. **Note the Annual Report of the Ethics Committee for 2021/22**
2. **Consider whether there is any work within the Committee's terms of reference that Council would wish the Committee to undertake**