

**WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

**CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

CONSULTATION RESPONSE	RECOMMENDATION	ADOPTED?
RESPONSE 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex should be Annex 1</li> <li>• LGA model code has £50 is there a reason why we have a £100?</li> </ul>	Adopted Members Opinion will be sought on level to be applied
RESPONSE 2	Just a few formatting alignments needed on Code of Conduct draft 2021. From Para 21 the bullets, eg 21.1 down to 30 need indenting	Changes incorporated
RESPONSE 3	Voicemail – should there be reference to social media in the Code	Social Media is a forum upon which information is exchanged like news articles or even Councillors speaking at meetings. Information on the use of Social Media is covered in the guidance. In addition, the behaviours outlined in the Code are expected to be demonstrated whilst posting on Social Media as per all other areas of Councillor Conduct. Training on Social Media will be incorporated into the forthcoming training, it was therefore felt that additional information specifically in respect of Social Media should not be incorporated into the Code.
RESPONSE 4 – PARBOLD PARISH COUNCIL	<p>Issues of style and paragraph numbering where raised. Parish Councillors felt that the numbering was confusing. They asked for the numbering to be looked at again.</p> <p>The numbering of Appendix B could also be improved as there was no Appendix A</p> <p>It is not clear why the West Lancs version is numbered like this, but it makes the text much harder to follow.</p> <p>The new Code of conduct from LGA has similar text, but with the main paragraph numbers relating to the principle subjects. This makes the text much easier to follow e.g.: Respect, Bullying, Impartiality, Confidentiality Etc Other minor corrections that could be incorporated:</p>	<p>The numbering of the Code has been reworked with the Code being split into Part 1 – Standards of Councillor Conduct i.e expected behaviours and Part 2 Interests.</p> <p>The only time when amendments have not been made is where the information is copied directly from legislation.</p>

	<p>Section 23.1. b. Change “be aware” to “believe”</p> <p>Section 26. Add the word “ability” after the words “...confidence in your”</p> <p>Section 28.1. add the word “or” between advantage and disadvantage</p> <p>Section 34.4. The word “your” seems wrong. Should it be “my”?</p> <p>Appendix B section 3. One very long sentence. Could be improved.</p> <p>Appendix B section 6. The sentence “Council procedure rules .....place” possibly could be repositioned to the end of section 5, first paragraph.</p> <p>Appendix B. section 11. Gits and hospitality. This is a repeat of Section 40 said in a slightly different way.</p>	
<p>RESPONSE 5 Parish Councillor from Parbold Parish Council</p>	<p>Telephone call: As well as the above points a request was made to assist Parish Councillors with the inclusion of an explanation of who the Monitoring Officer was.</p> <p>In addition, a request to make the Code more inclusive of Parish Councillors with specific reference to them.</p> <p>A request was made for the numbering in the guidance to reflect the numbering of the Code.</p>	<p>All Adopted</p>
<p>RESPONSE 6 AUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL</p>	<p>Thank you for consulting us on the following amendments/revisions which were considered by Aughton Parish Council at our January meeting:</p> <p>a) Amendments to Members' Code of Conduct - we could not view anything that was unreasonable or would not be expected of members of Parish Councils. The Flow Diagram in the draft Code was most helpful. Once the Code has been updated and adopted, the final</p>	<p>No Action required</p>

	version should be released to all Parish Councils with a view to formally adopting the amended version.	
RESPONSE 7 WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL	The Parish Council considered the amendments proposed by the Borough Council to the Councillors Code of Conduct and has no objections to the amendments proposed.	