



CODE OF CONDUCT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

9 JULY 2012

The purpose of this Report is to invite Members to adopt a new Code of Conduct and provide information on the new Register of Interests.

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1)	BACKGROUND
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Signing up to a Code of Conduct is a requirement of Membership of any Town and Parish Council.b) Following the government's decision to remove the Standards Board for England and its links with principal authorities, there is a requirement to adopt a new Code of Conduct agreed locally.c) The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) issued a proposed draft for adoption and the Isle of Wight Council circulated a draft of their own as a proposed standard for the Isle of Wight Council and all the Islands Town and Parish Councils.d) The Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) discussed the relative merits of both and entered into direct discussions with the Isle of Wight Council's Monitoring Officers.e) In the event, the advantages of an Island standard Code have been acknowledged. |
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2)	NEW CODE OF CONDUCT
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) A copy of the proposed new Code of Conduct, adapted for Ventnor Town Council is attached with this report for Members' consideration.b) The matter is urgent as the legal requirement is for a new Code of Conduct to be adopted by 1 July 2012. |
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3)	REGISTER OF INTERESTS
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Also attached is the Isle of Wight Council's redrafting for a new Register of Interests to take account of the requirement for the interests of Members' partners to be included.b) The new regulation also requires that Registers of Interests for all Members are posted to the Isle of Wight Council's web site and the Ventnor Town Council web site. |
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