



AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

REPORT NO. IJB 23/22

ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 20 APRIL 2022

**ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000
CODE OF CONDUCT**

REPORT BY PROPER OFFICER OF THE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

ABSTRACT

To present a report setting out proposed updates to the IJB's constitutional arrangements.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board adopt the Standards in Public Life – Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies (2021) (Appendix 1).

2. BACKGROUND

The IJB's Standing Orders currently reference the "Model Code", which has since been updated and a new code has been issued. Authorities, including devolved bodies, are required to adopt the new code by 10 June 2022.

3. ASSESSMENT

General changes to the Code:

Provisions are now written in plain English wherever possible, to make it more understandable and accessible.

Most of the factual background information, guidance and reasoning has been removed (and will now be in the Standards Commission's Guidance). This is to make Code more concise and to avoid repetition.

The provisions are now in the first person – for example, "I will" or "I won't" do something. The aim is to encourage ownership and engagement.

They emphasise that it is a Member's personal responsibility to be familiar and to comply with the provisions of their public body's Code, the law and their public body's rules, standing orders and regulations. It provides that Members will not, at any time, advocate or encourage any action that is contrary to the Code.

Training will be provided to members on the new code after it is adopted.

4. PROPOSAL

The Standards in Public Life - Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies (2021) must be adopted by 10 June 2022.

It is recommended that any reference to the Model Code in the Standing Orders and other governing documents, shall mean Standards in Public Life - Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies (2021)

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

6. RISK

No known risk implications.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

8. DIRECTIONS

The Integration Joint Board requires a mechanism to action its strategic commissioning plans and this is provided for in Section 26 to 28 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. This mechanism takes the form of binding directions from the Integration Joint Board to one or both of Angus Council and NHS Tayside.

Direction Required to Angus Council, NHS Tayside or Both	Direction to:	
	No Direction Required	x
	Angus Council	
	NHS Tayside	
	Angus Council and NHS Tayside	

REPORT AUTHOR: Lewis Shand, Legal Advisor to the IJB
E-mail details: shandl@angus.gov.uk

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Standards in Public Life - Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies (2021)