

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Standards Committee – 17 June 2021

**Subject:** Review of the Operation and Efficacy of the Use of Resources  
Guidance for Members

**Report of:** City Solicitor

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**Summary**

To update the Standards Committee on the operation and efficacy of the Use of Resources Guidance for Members.

**Recommendations**

To note the Monitoring Officer's views on the operation and efficacy of the Use of Resources Guidance for Members.

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**Wards Affected:** All

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**Financial Consequences – Revenue** None

**Financial Consequences – Capital** None

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**Background documents (available for public inspection):** None

## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The Use of Council Resources Guidance for Members, which sits in Part 6 of the Council's Constitution, was last updated as part of the Annual review of the Constitution in February 2021. Changes were reported to this Committee as Part of its Annual Report in March 2021.
- 1.2 As indicated in the report to this Committee at its last meeting the changes made were to reflect the current position that in addition to a mobile phone Members will be provided with such IT equipment as the Director of ICT considers appropriate to enable them to undertake their Council duties. In addition, the reference to the "Transport for Greater Manchester Committee" was amended to read "The Greater Manchester Transport Committee" to accurately reflect the name of this joint committee. The current Guidance is attached.
- 1.3 Whilst the last Standards (Hearing) Sub -Committee hearing in February 2020 (reported to Council at its March 2020 meeting) reached the view when considering a number of complaints against a member that there had been a breach in that case of the Member Code of Conduct in relation to misuse of Council resources the Monitoring Officer is of the view that no further amendments are required to the Use of Resources Guidance at present and that this Guidance is well understood by Members. She is not aware of any queries or issues that have not been addressed through existing procedures

## **2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 The recommendation appears at the front of this report.