

REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

8th May 2019

AGENDA ITEM 5.4 COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

1 Background

- 1.1** The Council should review these documents annually to ensure that they remain relevant and appropriate and in compliance with guidance and good practice

2. Report

- 1.1** The Parish Council last reviewed its Standing Orders (SOs) in September 2019 stating that to be as an interim measure pending a more comprehensive review taking into account the Model SOs published by NALC. Those Standing Orders incorporate Financial regulations operated by the Council.
- 1.2** The more comprehensive review requires some work and the involvement of both Clerk and Chair, and consequently those interim Standing Orders are now presented for continuing interim approval with the recommendation that the more comprehensive review be brought back for Council approval before the end of 2019.
- 1.3** All the parish councils in Cheshire East adopt the Code of Conduct for Members published by Cheshire East Council (prepared in conjunction with CHALC). This was revised for 2019 and was adopted by the Parish Council at its last meeting, in April 2019. Members in signing their Declarations of Office have undertaken to abide by this Code. Members should today therefore confirm adoption of the Code for the ensuing year.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1** That the appended Standing Orders proposed in this report (incorporating Financial regulations) be approved as an interim measure pending a more comprehensive review to be completed before the end of 2019 taking into account the Model SOs published by NALC.
- 2.2** That the appended Code of Conduct for Members, as published in 2019 by Cheshire East Council be adopted by this Council.

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Clerk to Parish Council