

Standards Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Agenda Item 3 - Local Government Association Consultation on draft Members' Code of Conduct

**Proposed responses to the LGA Consultation on Draft Model Member Code of Conduct**

**Application of the Code**

Q1 and Q1a

“To a great extent” since it helps to clarify official capacity

Q2

“No”

Q3

“No preference”

Q4

Support each of the 12 obligations “To a great extent”

Q5

Obligation 12 – the Council has a threshold of £50 for the declaration of gifts and would wish to see consideration given to adopting this higher threshold.

Q6

“As a list”

Q7

“To a moderate extent” – notwithstanding the definition of the term within the model code of conduct there will be always be a variance, to an extent, in its interpretation as there is with the current term of “respect” a commonly used term in most current codes

Q8

“To a moderate extent” - as with “civility” there may be different interpretations at to what the term means

Q9

“To a great extent”

Q10

“No”

Q10a

“Separate code”

Q10b

While a separate code may be preferred there would be a need for the members’ code to reflect, and have primacy over, a specific code in relation to social media

**Registration and declaration of interests**

Q11

“To a moderate extent”

Q12

“In the appendix”

Q13

“To a great extent”

Q14

“To a great extent”

Q14a

The Council has a threshold of £50 for the declaration of gifts and would wish to see consideration given to adopting this higher threshold.

Q15

“No, it should be higher - £50”

Q16

3. Regularly updated examples of case law

1. Explanatory guidance on the code

2. Case studies and examples of good practice

4. Supplementary guidance that focuses on specific areas, e.g., social media

5. Improvement support materials, such as training and e-learning packages

Q17 "None"