

## **HARROW COUNCIL**

### **STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 19 SEPTEMBER**

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### **RE – HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS**

#### **A. ROLE OF LEADER – Constitutional Changes**

Section 3A – Terms of Reference and Delegation of Duties to Cabinet, Portfolio Holders etc.

“The Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holders for Strategic Overview and External Affairs”. (Page 3-20/21)

- (a) Corporate Matters
- (b) External Affairs

Add a new “(c) Ethical Standards

- The Leader shall have a general responsibility to take a lead on behalf of the Authority in promoting and sustaining a high ethical standard of conduct by the elected Members of the Council. Those high ethical standards are established in the adopted Code of Conduct for Councillors. It defines the requirements for personal conduct set by the law, the standard against which Councillors’ conduct will be judged within the context of an overriding duty Councillors have to the whole community of Harrow and to act in the public interest.
- The Leader will endeavour to ensure that the decisions and activities of the Authority at all times have regard to the highest possible standards in furtherance of the ethical agenda and all Members of the Council adhere to the Code of Conduct.

#### **B. ROLE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (and Head of Paid Service) – Constitutional Changes**

Article 12 (Paragraph 12.01 (b) Chief Officers)  
Description of Functions and areas of responsibility

Add:-

“To promote the importance of the ethical agenda and to sustain the highest standards of ethical behaviour on the part of the Council’s officers in the performance of their duties in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Conduct for Council Employees set out in Section 5B of the Constitution.”

Section 3B Delegations to the Chief Executive etc.  
Individual Delegations – Chief Executive (Page 3-70)

Add:- (a new 2)

“2. To promote the importance of the ethical agenda and to sustain the highest standards of ethical behaviour on the part of the Council’s officers in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Council Employees”.