

OPEN Briefing on Council's Code of Conduct

Date of Briefing: 10/3/2021 – 4.40pm

Attendees

Elected Members: Mayor Barry, Deputy Mayor Lewis, Cr Briggs, Cr Brown, Cr Dyer, Cr Edwards, Cr Hislop, Cr Mitchell, Cr Rasheed, Cr Sutton, Ms P Hanna, Ms McKinley and Ms Horrocks.

Staff: Chief Legal Officer, Director Environment and Sustainability and Head of Democratic Services.

Apologies / Absences

Elected Members: Cr Milne and Cr Shaw

Key Objectives of the Briefing

The purpose of the briefing is for the Chief Legal Officer to brief members on the proposed updated Elected Members Code of Conduct.

Discussion

- Slide 2 – A Brief History (process before LGNZ model, 2016 LGNZ model, 2017 Council makes refinements and 2019 LGNZ updates – not yet adopted by Council).
- Slides 3-4 – Council's refinements adopted by Council before the proposed 2019 LGNZ updates.
- Slide 5 – Council's departure from LGNZ's model which allowed the ability for the Chief Executive to lay a complaint.
- Slide 6 – 2019 LGNZ updates.
- Slide 7 – Further changes for clarity around wording of penalties and the role of an investigator vs Council.
- Slide 8 – Penalty costs
- Slide 9 – Any draft amendments?

Members discussed adding another mediation phase instead of just opportunity for settlement once the preliminary assessment was received, reviewing media guidelines and whether or not to reinstate the ability for the Chief Executive to lay a complaint.

Next Steps

Council to consider the Elected Members Code of Conduct at its meeting to be held on 24 March 2021.

The briefing closed at 5.49pm.

Attachment: Powerpoint presentation