



Code of Conduct for Members

Date of meeting 20 September 2019

Date of report 22 July 2019

Report by Assistant Chief Executive

1. Object of report

To provide the Partnership members with an update on the Code of Conduct for Members as it relates to SPT.

2. Background

The Code of Conduct for Members was previously approved by the Partnership at its meeting in May 2014. This followed a model Code of Conduct being issued by the Scottish Government at that time.

The Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies applies to all members of SPT in their role as a SPT member. There is a separate Code of Conduct for Councillors in their local authority capacity. Both Codes are very similar, with a recent amendment to the Code of Conduct for Councillors to reflect the fact that many members are also members of Regional Transport Partnerships (RTPs).

3. Current Proposal

The Standards Commission for Scotland issue frequent updates and briefing notes – these are circulated to all SPT members by the Partnership Secretary at the time of issue.

However, it is proposed to also add some recent guidance on the declaration of interests for members of devolved public bodies as an Appendix to the Code of Conduct for Members. This is aimed at helping members identify when a declaration of interest should be made and whether a member can remain in the room and participate in discussion and decision making.

No other change can be made to the Code of Conduct for Members. If approved, a copy of the revised document will be sent to the Scottish Government for their information and records.

Note: further information can be found at:

<https://www.standardscommissionscotland.org.uk/education-and-resources/professional-briefings-and-advice-notes>

4. Recommendation

The Partnership is recommended to approve:

- the inclusion of Appendix 1 to the Code of Conduct for Members; and

- that the inclusion of this Appendix will be included in future On Board training and briefings to members.

5. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>In line with Regional Transport Strategy.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>None directly.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None directly.</i>

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