

North East Derbyshire District Council

Standards Committee

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Values in the Constitution

Report of the Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Classification: This report is public

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To introduce a fifth value into the Constitution.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council be recommended to approve the addition of the fifth value to the Constitution.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Details: Cabinet Members and Scrutiny Committees</p>

Links to Council Plan priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.
None

REPORT DETAILS

1 **Background** *(reasons for bringing the report)*

- 1.1 A draft Council Plan has been produced and discussed with Cabinet Members and the 4 Scrutiny Committees. As part of these discussions, it has been suggested that an extra value be added to the Constitution.
- 1.2 This report seeks agreement to the Council being recommended to add the new value be added to the Constitution.

2. **Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 A presentation on the new Council Plan has been given to Cabinet Members, SMT and the 4 Scrutiny Committees. As part of this presentation, it was proposed that a new Value be added to the existing 4 values in the Constitution.
- 2.2 The existing Values can be found on page 8 of the Constitution and are:

- Honest, open and accountable;
- Treat everyone fairly and with respect;
- Listen, involve and respond; and
- Embrace change and innovation.

2.3 The following new Value is proposed. It represents the view of the new Leader and the new Labour administration that business should be dealt with as openly and transparently as possible. It is:

- Being collaborative, open and transparent

2.4 It is proposed that this is added to the existing Values in the Constitution. To do this, Standards Committee will need to recommend its inclusion to the Council.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 To ensure that the Values in the Constitution represent all aspects of the Council's views.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Not to include. This would mean the Values in the Constitution did not represent all the values that underpin what the Council does.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	
Draft Council Plan	