

North East Derbyshire District Council

Standards Committee

10th December 2025

Ethics and Integrity Commission

Report of the Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Classification: This report is public

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To inform Members of the new Ethics and Integrity Commission which replaces the Committee on Standards in Public Life (CSPL) formerly known as the Nolan Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To receive the report

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes ☒ No ☐

Details:

In so far as there are any these are included in the report.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
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: NEDDC: Revenue - £125,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £310,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None directly
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:	
Stage 1 screening undertaken <ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2	Not required as report is for information.
Stage 2 full assessment undertaken <ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report	No, not applicable
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"/>	Yes Details: Standards Committee on 10 th December 2025.

Links to Council Plan priorities;

- **A great place that cares for the environment**
- **A great place to live well**
- **A great place to work**
- **A great place to access good public services**

All the above.

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background *(reasons for bringing the report)*

- 1.1 The Ethics and Integrity Commission (EIC) was launched on 13th October 2025. It replaces the Committee on Standards in Public Life (CSPL) which has now ceased to exist. The EIC is said to have been formed by strengthening and reforming the CSPL.
- 1.2 The EIC promotes the highest standards in public life, reports to the Prime Minister on matters concerning ethical standards and advises public authorities on the development of clear codes of conduct with effective oversight arrangements.
- 1.3 The EIC is not a regulator and has no remit to investigate individual cases.
- 1.4 The EIC will report annually to the Prime Minister on the health of the standards landscape. The government has committed to responding to the EIC's recommendations within a reasonable timeframe.
- 1.5 The EIC has its own website - [Ethics and Integrity Commission | The Ethics and Integrity Commission promotes the highest standards in public life, reports to the Prime Minister on matters concerning ethical standards, and advises public authorities on the development of clear codes of conduct with effective oversight arrangements.](#)
- 1.6 The Commission exists to safeguards the Seven Principles of Public Life. These outline the ethical standards that all those working in the public sector are expected to adhere to. The principles apply to all public office holders and private and voluntary organisations delivering services paid for by public funds.
- 1.7 The commission's description of what it does includes that it conducts research and thematic inquiries. It collects evidence to assess specific institutions, policies and regulatory mechanisms and report to government if necessary.
- 1.8 The Commission also works to engage and inform the wider public on the values, rules and oversight mechanisms that govern standards in public life.
- 1.9 The Commission has an 18 – 24 month plan for the transition of the Committee on Standards in Public Life into the Ethics and Integrity Commission. This is on their website and includes preparation and evidence gathering for the report to the Prime Minister.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

2.1 This is to inform Members of the change.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 To keep Members informed.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Not applicable.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
None	
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)	
None	