

WORKSHOP MATERIAL

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WORKSHOP PURPOSE

- Consider new LGNZ guidance and new model code and policy
- Discuss options
- Direction and next steps

WHY HAVE A CODE OF CONDUCT?

- Required by LGA 2002
- Part of good governance
- Assists with compliance with other legislative obligations
- Part of a suite of tools for meetings – LGA/LGOIMA/standing orders

WHAT MUST A CODE OF CONDUCT INCLUDE?

- Guidance on conduct and behaviours
- Guidance on disclosure of information
- Explanation of relevant legislation

Note: changes require 75% majority vote

NEW LGNZ CODE OF CONDUCT

- Commitments rather than values
- Defines unacceptable behaviours
- Includes treaty obligations
- Principles of good governance
- Pragmatic approach to complaints

LGNZ GUIDANCE/NEW TEMPLATES

- Issues with current codes and processes
- Public reporting of breaches (not minor ones)
- Proposes 1 or 2 step complaints process
- Roles of assessor and investigator

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- Focus on relationships rather than behaviours
- Doesn't address behaviour of public
- Other legislation covers conflicts, social media etc.
- CE or council rather than independent investigator makes decision
- Smaller range of penalties for breaches

OPTIONS

- Status quo with current code
- Amend current code – no policy
- Adopt a new code and policy based on LGNZ templates

DIRECTION AND NEXT STEPS

- Confirm direction
- Take report to Council meeting for a decision
- CE to appoint panel of investigators