

## NORTH WALES FIRE AUTHORITY

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### AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Report by the Clerk

#### Purpose of Report

- 1 A minor amendment to the Authority's code of conduct to reflect an amendment to the model code of conduct that has been made by the National Assembly.

#### Background

- 2 The Conduct of Members (Model Code of Conduct) (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2004 No 163 was made on 28 January and came into force on 31 January. It amends paragraph 15(d) of the model code of conduct by inserting some additional words. Paragraph 15(d) as amended now reads (the additional words are in bold): "the functions of the authority in respect of an allowance or payment made under Sections 173 to 176 of the Local Government Act 1972 or **an allowance or pension made under** Section 18 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989".
- 3 The effect of the amendment is to make clear that members do not have a personal interest in a matter to the extent that it relates to allowances or pensions paid to members.

#### Advice

- 4 Given that the Fire Authority's code of conduct is based on the model code of conduct, it is necessary to amend it. It will not be necessary for members to sign the code of conduct again as a result of the amendment because they have undertaken to abide by the code of conduct for the time being adopted by the Fire Authority.
- 5 The Assembly's order was not to hand at the time of the Standards Committee's meeting on 28 January. I have therefore written to members of the Standards Committee to invite their comments on this report. Any comments received will be reported orally at the meeting.

## **Recommendation**

- 6 That the Fire Authority amends paragraph 15(d) of its code of conduct by inserting the words “an allowance or pension made under” before “Section 18”.