

Revised Model Code of Conduct for Board Members of Devolved Public Bodies

1 Purpose of the paper

- 1.1 To provide the Board with the revised Food Standards Scotland (FSS) Model Code of Conduct for Board Members of Devolved Public Bodies for information and agreement.
- 1.2 The Board is asked to:
 - **Note** the content of the revised Model Code of Conduct
 - **Agree** the revised Model Code of Conduct for adoption and publication

2 Strategic aims

- 2.1 Adopting the amendments made to the Model Code of Conduct updates FSS's Governance framework and supports our objective for Maintaining Organisational Excellence.

3 Background

- 3.1 The Ethical Standards in Public life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 requires the Scottish Ministers to issue a Model Code for Members of Devolved Public Bodies. As a Public Body listed in schedule 3 of the Act FSS is required to produce a Code of Conduct in line with the Model Code.
- 3.2 The revised Model Code presented in this paper was scrutinised and approved by the Scottish Parliament in October 2021.
- 3.3 It is a requirement that Devolved Public Bodies produce a new Code of Conduct based on the revised Model Code.
- 3.4 The Public Bodies Unit at Scottish Government have received delegated authority from Scottish Ministers to approve revised Codes by 10th June 2022.

4 Discussion

- 4.1 The revised Model Code highlights the need for Board members to take personal responsibility for their behaviour and to have an awareness of the organisation's policies in relation to a number of areas e.g. social media, equality, diversity and bullying and harassment.

4.2 The revised FSS Model Code of Conduct presented in Annex A implements the revisions to the Model Code in full.

4.3 A summary of the key revisions made to the [current FSS Code of Conduct](#) is provided in Annex B.

5 Equality Impact Assessment and Fairer Scotland Duty

5.1 Completion of an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) and a Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment are not required for this paper.

6 Conclusion/Recommendations

6.1 The Board is asked to:

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ANNEX A

Revised FSS Model Code of Conduct for Board Members of Devolved Public Bodies

ANNEX B

Summary of the key revisions made to the Model Code of Conduct

