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Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority  
Executive Committee  
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**SUBJECT:**                    **ADOPTING THE FIRE STANDARDS BOARD CORE CODE OF ETHICS**

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Background information:    Fire Standards Board website and details of the Code: [firestandards.org/standards/approved/code-of-ethics](https://firestandards.org/standards/approved/code-of-ethics)  
                                      Fire Standards Board update discussed at the Member Development Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023  
                                      Fire Standards Board update given to the Audit and Standards Board on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023:  
                                      [ASCPublicReportsPack](#)

### Implications

This table provides a short statement of the impact of the recommendations in this report and/or a reference to the relevant paragraph/s in the report.

Will this report affect any of the following?

	Yes / No	Impact / Reference
Financial Implications	Yes	Officer and Member time taken to adopt the code and any training
Risk Management	Yes	Compliance with Fire Standards will form a control measure of the Corporate Risk Register
Legal Implications	No	

Privacy and Security Implications	No	
Duty to Collaborate	No	
Health and Safety Implications	No	
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	Yes	Included in the overall People Impact Assessment for Fire Standards
Environmental Sustainability	No	
Consultation and Communication	No	

**PURPOSE:**

To involve members of the Fire and Rescue Authority in adopting the Fire Standard on the Core Code of Ethics

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Members acknowledge the contents of this covering paper and our presentation, and to formally approve the adoption of the Core Code of Ethics

1 Background

1.1 The Core Code of Ethics states: Those responsible for the governance of fire and rescue services must:

- hold the Chief Fire Officer to account for the implementation of the Core Code at a local level;
- play a proactive role in challenging behaviour inconsistent with the Core Code; and
- ensure strategies, policies and performance measures are in place to promote and embed a positive and inclusive culture.

1.2 How we will adopt the code is explained in the Power Point presentation included in this reports pack and presented to Members on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION:**

2.1 That Members acknowledge the contents of this covering paper and our presentation, and to formally approve the adoption of the Core Code of Ethics

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