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Our Ref: Code of Conduct Adoptions

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Dear Clerk

CODE OF CONDUCT

Thank you for providing your views on the revised code of conduct for Herefordshire Council which were taken into account by the working group and the audit and governance committee. On 22 May, the revised code of conduct was approved for adoption by the council.

The main changes to the code are:

- Simplified framework;
- Gifts and hospitalities now form part of the register of interests and has reduced to £20;
- A new description of registrable interests known as schedule 2 interests;
- Other declarable interests are simplified clarifying that if such an interest arises there is a requirement to leave the room and not participate;

As a parish council you may adopt the code adopted by its principal authority and I would be grateful if you could please let me know if your council will be adopting the revised code which can be found [here](#). If you will be adopting the code, I am happy to provide training on the revised code and would be grateful if you could please let me know what would be your preferred training method, e.g. all clerks being trained so that they can train parish councillors or parish councillors training, etc.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

**CLAIRE WARD
SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL**