



Standards Committee

Date: Thursday, 16 March 2023

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

Access to the Council Antechamber

Public access to the Council Antechamber is on Level 2 of the Town Hall Extension, using the lift or stairs in the lobby of the Mount Street entrance to the Extension.

There is no public access from the Lloyd Street entrances of the Extension.

Membership of the Standards Committee

Councillors - Andrews, Connolly, Evans, Lanchbury, Nunney and Simcock

Councillor O'Donovan (Ringway Parish Council)

Independent Co-opted Members - Nicolé Jackson (Chair), Mr G Linnell

Independent Person - Ms S Beswick and Mr A Eastwood

Agenda

- 1. Urgent Business**
To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.
- 2. Appeals**
To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.
- 3. Interests**
To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears; [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that at the start of the item under consideration. If Members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.
- 4. Minutes** 5 - 8
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2022.
- 5. Standards Committee - Annual Report** 9 - 22
The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed.
- 6. Social Media Guidance for Members update** 23 - 30
The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed.
- 7. Member Development and Training** 31 - 72
The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed.
- 8. Members' Update on Ethical Governance** 73 - 78
The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed.
- 9. Work Programme for the Standards Committee** 79 - 84

Information about the Committee

The Standards Committee comprises five city councillors, one parish councillor and two independent members and is chaired by an independent member. The Committee deals with matters relating to the conduct of city and parish councillors and the promotion of ethical standards.

The Independent Persons are appointed by the Council to assist the Council in the consideration of any complaints made against councillors. They are not members of the Standards Committee but they are invited to attend the meeting if they wish to.

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