



Standards Committee

Date: Thursday, 2 November 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

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Membership of the Standards Committee

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

Co-opted Member - Councillor O'Donovan (Ringway Parish Council) -

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

Independent Person - Ms S Beswick, Mr A Eastwood and Mr W Goh

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 15 June 2023.
- 5. Member Code of Conduct** 9 - 46
The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed.
- 6. Update report on the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for Elected Members** 47 - 52
The report of the Strategic Head of Human Resources is enclosed.
- 7. Process for Dispensations** 53 - 56
The report of the City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer is enclosed.
- 8. Register of Members Interests** 57 - 60
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- 9. Review of the Operation and Efficacy including a proposed amendment of the Arrangements for dealing with Code of Conduct complaints against Members** 61 - 76
The report of the City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer is enclosed.
- 10. Work Programme** 77 - 82

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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