

Ethics Committee Agenda



To: Councillor Clive Fraser (Chair)
Councillor Pat Clouder (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Mario Creatura, Patricia Hay-Justice, Joy Prince and Helen Redfern
Independent Members: Anne Smith and Ashok Kumar

Reserve Members: Karen Jewitt, Felicity Flynn, Maddie Henson, Callton Young, Jeet Bains and Gareth Streeter

A meeting of the **Ethics Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Thursday, 7 March 2019** at **6.30 pm** in **F10 - Town Hall**

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Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting.
If you require any assistance, please contact the person detailed above, on the righthand side.

N.B This meeting will be paperless. The agenda can be accessed online at www.croydon.gov.uk/meetings

AGENDA – PART A

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence from any members of the Committee.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 8)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2018 as an accurate record.

3. Disclosure of Interests

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and the statutory provisions of the Localism Act, Members and co-opted Members of the Council are reminded that it is a requirement to register disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) and gifts and hospitality to the value of which exceeds £50 or multiple gifts and/or instances of hospitality with a cumulative value of £50 or more when received from a single donor within a rolling twelve month period. In addition, Members and co-opted Members are reminded that unless their disclosable pecuniary interest is registered on the register of interests or is the subject of a pending notification to the Monitoring Officer, they are required to disclose those disclosable pecuniary interests at the meeting. This should be done by completing the Disclosure of Interest form and handing it to the Democratic Services representative at the start of the meeting. The Chair will then invite Members to make their disclosure orally at the commencement of Agenda item 3. Completed disclosure forms will be provided to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion on the Register of Members' Interests.

4. Urgent Business (if any)

To receive notice of any business not on the agenda which in the opinion of the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

5. Annual update on Member complaints (Pages 9 - 12)

To receive the report of the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer on ethics complaints received up to and including 31 December 2018.

6. Annual Whistleblowing Report (Pages 13 - 14)

To receive the report of the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Office on the use of the Council's whistleblowing procedure during the past calendar year.

7. Annual update on the use of RIPA (Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000) (Pages 15 - 18)

To take the report of the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer on the use of RIPA by the Council over the past calendar year.

8. Annual update on Member learning and development (Pages 19 - 24)

To receive the report of the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to:

- 1) provide details of Member learning and development over the past year; and
- 2) approve the suggested revisions to the Terms of Reference of the Members' Learning and Development Panel.

9. Local Government Ethical Standards: A review by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (Pages 25 - 146)

To review the recently published report on Local Government Ethical Standards published by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

10. Work programme (Pages 147 - 150)

To consider the work programme for the Committee for the remainder of the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

11. Dispensation Applications for Members (Pages 151 - 154)

To receive the report of the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer on Members' dispensations for consideration, if any are received.

12. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following motion is to be moved and seconded where it is proposed to exclude the press and public from the remainder of a meeting:

“That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.”

PART B

13. Dispensation Applications for Members

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