

Ethics Committee Agenda



To: Councillor Jerry Fitzpatrick (Chair)
Councillor Pat Clouder (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Joy Prince, Clive Fraser, Mario Creatura and Simon Hoar

Independent Members: Don Axcell, Jennifer Gordon, Ashok Kumar, Alan Malarkey and Anne Smith

Reserve Members: Councillors Jeet Bains, Jan Buttinger and Karen Jewitt

A meeting of the **Ethics Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Thursday, 30 September 2021** at **6.30 pm** in **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX**

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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

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2021 as an accurate record. (Copy to follow)

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. Dispensation Applications for Members

To receive the report of the Executive Director of Resources & Monitoring Officer on Members' dispensations for consideration, if any are received. (Report to follow)

6. Complaint Monitoring and Associated Matters (Pages 5 - 12)

This report updates the Ethics Committee of any complaints or investigations undertaken by the Monitoring Officer during the last quarter to 31 July 2021.

7. Register of Gifts & Hospitalities

Report to follow.

8. Members' Code of Conduct (Pages 13 - 84)

This report asks the Committee to consider and recommend to Full Council the adoption of a revised version of the Members' Code of Conduct and supporting guidance.

9. Access to Information Protocol (Pages 85 - 104)

This report includes the draft Access to Information Protocol for the consideration of the Ethics Committee.

10. Members Development Plan Update (Pages 105 - 164)

This report contains the Member Training Programme which has been developed in response to comments by the Member Development Panel on 13 July 2021.

11. Work Programme (Pages 165 - 168)

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

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