

# Ethics Committee Agenda



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

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

Reserve Members: Councillors Jeet Bains, Simon Hoar and Karen Jewitt

A meeting of the **Ethics Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Thursday, 9 December 2021** at **6.30 pm** in **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX**

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Wednesday, 1 December 2021

Residents are able to attend this meeting in person, however we recommend that you watch the meeting remotely via the following link:

<https://webcasting.croydon.gov.uk/croydon/13907-Ethics-Committee>

If you would like to attend in person please note that spaces are extremely limited and are allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to attend in person please email [democratic.services@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@croydon.gov.uk) by 5pm the day prior to the meeting to register your interest.

## **AGENDA – PART A**

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

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

### **2. 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.

### **3. 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.

### **4. Member Code of Conduct (Pages 5 - 64)**

Ethics Committee is asked to agree guidance to accompany the newly adopted Members' Code of Conduct which reflects national guidance produced by the Local Government Association.

### **5. Access to Information Protocol (Pages 65 - 86)**

For the Committee to consider the revised draft Protocol.

### **6. Dispensation Applications for Members (Pages 87 - 92)**

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

**7. Complaint Monitoring and Associated Matters (Pages 93 - 100)**

For the Committee to receive an update regarding any complaints or investigations undertaken by the Monitoring Officer during the last quarter to 31 October 2021.

**8. Work Programme (Pages 101 - 104)**

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

**9. 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**

**10. 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.