

# Ethics Committee Agenda



To: Councillor Louis Carserides (Chair)  
Councillor Clive Fraser (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors Jade Appleton, Mario Creatura, Helen Redfern and Sutton

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

Reserve Members: Councillors Jeet Bains, Richard Chatterjee,  
Karen Jewitt, Humayun Kabir and Holly Ramsey

A meeting of the **Ethics Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Wednesday, 21 September 2022 at 6.30 pm in Room 1.01 and 1.02 - Bernard Weatherill House, Mint Walk, Croydon CR0 1EA**

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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 (Pages 7 - 34)**

To approve the minutes of the meetings held on:

- 19 February 2021;
- 26 May 2021;
- 30 September 2021;
- 9 December 2021;
- 9 February 2022 as accurate records.

### **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. Work Programme 2022-23 (Pages 35 - 36)**

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

### **5. Annual Report on Ethics Complaints for 2021 (Pages 37 - 42)**

The Council has determined that the Ethics Committee shall be responsible for receiving and considering reports on matters of probity and ethics and to consider matters relating to the Code of Conduct.

**6. Update on Ethics Complaints received up to and including 31 July 2022** (Pages 43 - 54)

This is the quarterly report to the Ethics Committee to update members on any complaints or investigations undertaken by the Monitoring Officer during the first two quarters of the year up to 31 July 2022.

**7. Member Learning and Development** (Pages 55 - 64)

This report provides the Committee with an overview of Member Learning and Development activity to date in the 2022-23 Municipal Year. This activity is led and monitored by the Member Learning and Development Panel.

**8. Member Gifts and Hospitality** (Pages 65 - 68)

Members must comply with the Members' Code of Conduct including the protocol around declaring gifts and hospitality. This report gives the committee the details of gifts and hospitality declared by Members (Executive Mayor and Councilors) since the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - following the Croydon local and Mayoral election.

**9. Dispensation Applications for Members**

Report to follow if any applications for a dispensation need to be considered.

**10. 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**

**11. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To approve the Part B minutes of the meeting held on **XXX** as an accurate record.

**12. 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.