

## NOTICE OF MEETING

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**Monday, 25 January, 2021, 7.00pm - MS Teams (watch it [here](#))**

**Members:** Councillors Felicia Opoku (Chair), James Chiriyankandath, Makbule Gunes, Julia Ogiehor and Elin Weston

Quorum: 3

### 1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

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### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

### 3. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of Urgent Business. (Late items will be considered under the agenda item where they appear. New items will be dealt with under item 11 below).

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered:

- (i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, and
- (ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting room.

A member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Register of Members' Interests or the subject of a pending notification must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests and prejudicial interests are defined at Paragraphs 5-7 and Appendix A of the Members' Code of Conduct.

**5. MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 10)**

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 2 November 2020 and also the public minutes of the Standards Sub Assessment Committee held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November as a correct record.

**6. UPDATE ON NON-VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBER APPOINTMENTS AND PROCESS (PAGES 11 - 18)**

This report provides an update on co-opted member appointments and responds to requests for information about other councils' procedures for the interests of non-voting co-opted members and the proposed wording in the revised Scrutiny protocol.

**7. REPORT RESPONDING TO MEMBER COMMENTS IN THE REVIEW OF MEMBER ALLOWANCES THAT REGULATORY COMMITTEE SHOULD BE FORMALLY RECONSTITUTED AS TWO SEPARATE COMMITTEES - A PLANNING COMMITTEE AND A LICENSING COMMITTEE (PAGES 19 - 126)**

To note the information contained in the report and comments from Regulatory Committee and indicate next steps.

**8. MEMBER ALLOWANCES 2021- 22 (PAGES 127 - 232)**

This report asks for the comments of the Standards Committee on Member Allowances for 2021-22. Each year, before 31 March, full Council is required by the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 to adopt a Member Allowances Scheme for the following financial year.

**9. MINOR UPDATES TO THE PENSIONS COMMITTEE AND BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE (PAGES 233 - 236)**

This report seeks approval for a minor amendment to the wording of the Pensions Committee and Board terms of reference to bring it in line with Pensions Regulations.

**10. COMMITTEE WORK PLAN (PAGES 237 - 238)**

This paper seeks to identify topics that will come to the attention of the Committee and seeks members' input.

**11. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

**12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

To note the dates of future meetings:

2 March 2021

**13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Items 14-15 are likely to be subject to a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as they contain exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1985); paras 1 & 2; namely information relating to any individual and information likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

**14. SC005/1920**

Update report to follow.

**15. EXEMPT MINUTES (PAGES 239 - 242)**

To confirm and sign the exempt minutes of the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee meeting held on 12 November 2020 as a correct record.

**16. NEW ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS**

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