

NOTICE OF MEETING

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 2nd March, 2021, 7.00 pm - 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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The Chair of the meeting has the discretion to terminate or suspend filming or recording, if in his or her opinion continuation of the filming, recording or reporting would disrupt or prejudice the proceedings, infringe the rights of any individual, or may lead to the breach of a legal obligation by the Council.

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 - 8)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 25 January 2021 as a correct record.

6. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2021/22 (PAGES 9 - 114)

The report presents the Members' Allowance Scheme 2021/22 for final consideration before being presented to Council.

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

To consider the comments of the Regulatory Committee on the establishment of a separate Strategic Planning Committee with a Planning Sub Committee and a separate Licensing Committee with a Licensing Sub Committee and the decommissioning of the Regulatory Committee for the municipal year 2021/22. **(Report to follow)**

8. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION (PART FIVE, SECTION A - PROTOCOL FOR COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS) (PAGES 115 - 118)

This report seeks approval to include additions to section 5.3 of Part Five, Section A of the constitution (Protocol for Complaints Against Members) in response to the comments by the Standards Committee at its recent meetings to consider additional circumstances where the Monitoring Officer could dismiss a complaint at an earlier stage.

9. REVIEW OF THE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

This report provides an opportunity for the Committee to review the Social Media Policy. **(Report to follow)**

10. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (PAGES 119 - 120)

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

11. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates of future meetings will be confirmed at the Council meeting in May 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. EXEMPT MINUTES (PAGES 121 - 124)

To confirm and sign the exempt minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 25 January 2021 as a correct record.

15. NEW ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS

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