

STANDARDS AND CONDUCT COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held REMOTELY on
Friday, 5th February, 2021 at 10.00 am

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

N Dawson	-	Morley South;
B Gettings	-	Morley North;
P Harrand	-	Alwoodley;
M Harrison	-	Pudsey;
P Grahame	-	Cross Gates and Whinmoor;
E Nash (Chair)	-	Hunslet and Riverside;
A Scopes	-	Beeston and Holbeck

Co-opted Parish Council Member

D Potter	-	Shadwell Parish Council
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Independent Person

Gordon Tollefson

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A G E N D A

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an appeal the press and public will be excluded).</p> <p>(*In accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Head of Governance Services at least 24 hours before the meeting)</p>	
2			<p>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report. 2. To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information. 3. If so, to formally pass the following resolution:- <p style="margin-left: 40px;">RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:-</p> 	

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LATE ITEMS

To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.

(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes.)

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DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraphs 13-18 of the Members' Code of Conduct. Also to declare any other significant interests which the Member wishes to declare in the public interest, in accordance with paragraphs 19-20 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence from the meeting.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

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To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held Friday 6th March 2020 as a correct record.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER TO THE STANDARDS AND CONDUCT COMMITTEE

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To consider the annual report of the Monitoring Officer which supports the duty of the Authority to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Members and co-opted Members of the Council.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MODEL COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

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To consider the report of the City Solicitor that presents the Local Government Association's Model Code of Conduct for local councillors to Members with a view to considering recommendations for adoption by the authority.

**DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
STANDARDS AND CONDUCT COMMITTEE TO
FULL COUNCIL**

To consider the report of the City Solicitor that presents an annual report of the Standards and Conduct Committee relating to matters within the committee's terms of reference. Council Procedure Rule 2.2 (f) stipulates that an annual report of the committee must be referred to full Council for consideration; this being to support the duty of the Authority to promote and maintain high standards of conducts by Members and co-opted Members of the Council.

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