

STANDARDS AND CONDUCT COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held in Room 6/7 Civic Hall on
Monday, 14th March, 2022
at 10.00 am

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

D Cohen	Alwoodley
R Downes	Otley & Yeadon
B Gettings	Morley North
P Grahame	Crossgates & Whinmoor
P Harrand	Alwoodley
L Mulherin	Ardsley & Robin Hood
E Nash (Chair)	Hunslet & Riverside
A Scopes	Beeston & Holbeck
E Taylor	Chapel Allerton
J Taylor	Horsforth

Co-opted Parish Council Member

Councillor Debbie Potter – Shadwell Parish Councillor

Independent Person

Gordon Tollefson

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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3			<p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.</p> <p>(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes.)</p>	
4			<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>To disclose or draw attention to any interests in accordance with Leeds City Council's 'Councillor Code of Conduct'.</p>	
5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence from the meeting.</p>	
6			<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held Friday 5th January 2021 as a correct record.</p>	7 - 10
7			<p>ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER TO THE STANDARDS AND CONDUCT COMMITTEE</p> <p>To consider the annual report of the Monitoring Officer which summarises the work carried out by the Monitoring Officer and her staff to support the Committee throughout the year.</p>	11 - 22
8			<p>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MODEL COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT</p> <p>The report of the City Solicitor presents to Members further amendments which have been made to the Local Government Association's Model Councillor Code of Conduct for local councillors with a view to considering recommendations for adoption by the authority.</p>	23 - 44

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9			<p>ANNUAL REVIEW OF PROTOCOLS</p> <p>To consider the report of the City Solicitor which presents to Members the conclusions of the annual review of the Monitoring Officer Protocol and the review of the Member Officer Protocol contained with Part 5 of the Council's Constitution to ensure they remain fit for purpose in supporting high standards of governance and practice.</p>	45 - 62
10			<p>ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STANDARDS AND CONDUCT COMMITTEE</p> <p>The report of the City Solicitor presents to the committee an annual report of the Standards and Conduct Committee relating to matters within the committee's terms of reference.</p>	63 - 72
11			<p>THE INDEPENDENT PERSON</p> <p>To consider the report of the City Solicitor which seeks the Standards and Conduct Committee's views relating to the extension of the term of office of the existing Independent Person and a proposal to recruit a new Independent Person.</p> <p><u>Third Party Recording</u></p> <p>Recording of this meeting is allowed to enable those not present to see or hear the proceedings either as they take place (or later) and to enable the reporting of those proceedings. A copy of the recording protocol is available from the contacts named on the front of this agenda.</p> <p>Use of Recordings by Third Parties – code of practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Any published recording should be accompanied by a statement of when and where the recording was made, the context of the discussion that took place, and a clear identification of the main speakers and their role or title. b) Those making recordings must not edit the recording in a way that could lead to misinterpretation or misrepresentation of the proceedings or comments made by attendees. In particular there should be no internal editing of published extracts; recordings may start at any point and end at any point but the material between those points must be complete. 	73 - 76

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