



Committee: STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Date: THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY 2024
Venue: LANCASTER TOWN HALL
Time: 6.10 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes**

Minutes of meeting held on 6 July 2023 (previously circulated).

3. **Items of Urgent Business authorised by the Chair**

4. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations by Councillors of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Councillors are reminded that, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Whilst not a legal requirement, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 and in the interests of clarity and transparency, Councillors should declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, at this point in the meeting.

In accordance with Part B Section 2 of the Code Of Conduct, Councillors are required to declare the existence and nature of any other interests as defined in paragraphs 8(1) or 9(2) of the Code of Conduct.

5. **Councillors' Code of Conduct - Councillors Gifts and Hospitality (Pages 3 - 6)**

Report of the Monitoring Officer

6. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Whilst the report is public it contains an exempt appendix, and the Committee is recommended to pass the following recommendation in relation to the following item:-

"That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business if the Committee are minded to refer to the exempt appendix, on the grounds that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act."

Members are reminded that, whilst the following item includes an exempt appendix, it is for Committee itself to decide whether or not to consider it in private or in public. In making the decision, Members should consider the relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and also whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. In considering their discretion Members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

7. Summary of Complaints under the Code of Conduct (Pages 7 - 9)

Report of the Monitoring Officer

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(i) Membership

Councillors Hamish Mills (Chair) Prof Chris Harris (Vice-Chair), Joanne Ainscough, Ruth Colbridge, Paul Newton, Sarah Punshon and Sam Riches

(ii) Substitute Membership

Councillors Shelagh McGregor (Substitute) and Abi Mills (Substitute)

(iii) Queries regarding this Agenda

Please contact Liz Bateson, Democratic Support - email ebateson@lancaster.gov.uk.

(iv) Changes to Membership, substitutions or apologies

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