

Agenda for a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held on Wednesday, 6 October 2021 at 10.30 am in Council Chamber, City Hall - City Hall, Bradford

Members of the Committee – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	Liberal Democrat
Ferriby Lal M Slater Ibrar Hussain	Smith Townend	Reid

NON-VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Independent Person: Mr M Shakeel

Parish & Town Council Members: Parish Councillor C Whitaker & Town Councillor M Westerman

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A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

(Members Code of Conduct - Part 4A of the Constitution)

To receive disclosures of interests from members and co-opted members on matters to be considered at the meeting. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

Notes:

- (1) Members may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or an interest which the Member feels would call into question their compliance with the wider principles set out in the Code of Conduct. Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.*
- (2) Members in arrears of Council Tax by more than two months must not vote in decisions on, or which might affect, budget calculations, and must disclose at the meeting that this restriction applies to them. A failure to comply with these requirements is a criminal offence under section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.*
- (3) Members are also welcome to disclose interests which are not disclosable pecuniary interests but which they consider should be made in the interest of clarity.*
- (4) Officers must disclose interests in accordance with Council Standing Order 44.*

2. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

(Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 3B of the Constitution)

Reports and background papers for agenda items may be inspected by contacting the person shown after each agenda item. Certain reports and background papers may be restricted.

Any request to remove the restriction on a report or background paper should be made to the relevant Strategic Director or Assistant Director whose name is shown on the front page of the report.

If that request is refused, there is a right of appeal to this meeting.

Please contact the officer shown below in advance of the meeting if you wish to appeal.

(Jill Bell - 01274 434580)

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

3. APPOINTMENT OF A COMPLAINTS SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee is advised that it is required to appoint a Complaints Sub-Committee. The Sub Committee shall comprise three members of the Committee to include one of whom must be from the same political group as the subject Member (wherever possible), but not all of the Members will be from the same political group. The Chair will be elected from among the membership at the beginning of the meeting, but cannot be from the same political group as the subject Member. The membership of the Sub Committee shall be drawn by rotation from the overall membership of the Committee as far as is practicable.

Recommended –

That a Complaints Sub-Committee be appointed with memberships and role and functions as contained in the resolution of Council made on 10 July 2012 and subject to the Rules of Procedure contained in Part 3 of the Constitution adopted by Annual Council on 18 May 2021.

(Parveen Akhtar – 01274 432496)

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MODEL COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

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The City Solicitor will present **Document “A”** in which the Committee is requested to consider the Local Government Association (LGA) new Model Councillor Code of Conduct and decide whether to recommend to Council its adoption with or without amendments to replace the Council’s existing Members’ Code of Conduct or whether to require consultation with Councillors before considering adoption.

Recommended -

- (1) Members are invited to comment on whether they are content to recommend adoption of the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020 in principle or if they require consultation with Councillors before considering adoption.**
- (2) If the former, the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020 be recommended for adoption by Council with such amendments as are agreed by this Committee.**

- (3) Upon adoption by Council, delegated authority be given to the City Solicitor to make any consequential amendments required to the Council's Constitution including to the Protocols on Member-Officer Relations, Members Gifts and Hospitality and Members Use of Council Resources including Use of E-mail and the Internet in consultation with the Chair of this Committee.**
- (4) Upon adoption of the amended Code by Council the City Solicitor write to all Town and Parish Councils within the Bradford District to advise them of adoption of the Code and encouraging them also to adopt the Code.**

(Parveen Akhtar -01274 432486)

5. TRAINING

The City Solicitor will provide a verbal update on member training.

(Parveen Akhtar – 01274 432496)