

## Agenda for a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held on Thursday, 25 April 2024 at 10.30 am in Room 202 - City Hall, Bradford

### Members of the Committee – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	GREEN
Lal Mohammed Nazam Azam Ferriby K Hussain	Davies	Griffiths	Hickson

### NON-VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS:

**Independent Person:** Mr M Shakeel

**Parish & Town Council Members:** Parish Councillor N Cameron & Town Councillor R James

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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 must consider their interests, and act according to the following:*

<b>Type of Interest</b>	<b>You must:</b>
<i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i>
<i>Other Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i> <b>OR</b> <i>Non-Registrable Interests (Directly Related)</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; speak on the item <u>only if</u> the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i>
<i>Other Registrable Interests (Affects)</i> <b>OR</b> <i>Non-Registrable Interests (Affects)</i>	<i>Disclose the interest; remain in the meeting, participate and vote <u>unless</u> the matter affects the financial interest or well-being</i>  <i>(a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of a majority of inhabitants of the affected ward, and</i>  <i>(b) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest; in which case speak on the item <u>only if</u> the public are also allowed to speak but otherwise not do not participate in the discussion or vote; and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.</i>

(2) *Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.*

(3) *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.*

- (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.

(Kanwal Amrez – 07929 070 288)

## B. BUSINESS ITEMS

### 3. PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERING COMPLAINTS ALLEGING A FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT WITHIN THE AREA OF CITY OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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The Interim Director of Legal and Governance will submit a report (**Document “A”**) which provides details of proposed amendments to the procedure which is used to deal with complaints submitted under the Member's Code of Conduct adopted by the Council and with complaints submitted under the Codes of Conduct adopted by Parish and Town Councils in the District Area.

**Recommended –**

- (1) That the amended Procedure for considering complaints alleging a failure to comply with the Members' Code of Conduct within the area of City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council as set out in Appendix 1 be recommended to Council for adoption to be effective from the beginning of the Municipal Year 2024/2025 in respect of complaints submitted from the commencement of the Municipal Year 2024/2025.**

**(2) That upon adoption by Council, delegated authority be given to the Director of Legal and Governance to make any consequential amendments required to the Council's constitution.**

(Mandy Hill – 07814 779101)

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