

Agenda

Meeting Standards Committee

Venue: Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Date: Friday, 17 September 2021

Time: 10.00 am

County Councillors: Caroline Patmore (Chair), Andy Paraskos, Stuart Parsons, Peter Sowray OBE and Cliff Trotter.

Independent Persons for Standards: Hilary Gilbertson MBE (Independent Member) and Louise Holroyd (Independent Member).

Under his delegated decision making powers in the Officers' Delegation Scheme in the Council's Constitution, the Chief Executive Officer has power, in cases of emergency, to take any decision which could be taken by the Council, the Executive or a committee. Following on from the expiry of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, which allowed for committee meetings to be held remotely, the County Council resolved at its meeting on 5 May 2021 that, for the present time, in light of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic circumstances, remote live-broadcast committee meetings should continue, with any formal decisions required being taken by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency decision making powers and after consultation with other Officers and Members as appropriate and after taking into account any views of the relevant Committee Members. This approach was reviewed by full Council at its July meeting and will be subject to a further review at the County Council Meeting in November.

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Business

- 1. Welcome, introductions and apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 4th March 2021 (Pages 3 - 8)**
- 3. Declarations of Interest**

4. Public Questions or Statements

Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have given notice (including the text of the question/statement) to Steve Loach of Democratic Services (contact details at the foot of page 1 of the Agenda sheet) by midday on Tuesday 14th September 2021. Each speaker should limit themselves to 3 minutes on any item. Members of the public who have given notice will be invited to speak:-

- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);
- when the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

If you are exercising your right to speak at this meeting, but do not wish to be recorded, please inform the Chairman who will instruct those taking a recording to cease while you speak.

- 5. Proposed amendments to Council's Members' Code of Conduct in light of new voluntary Model Code - Report of the Monitoring Officer** (Pages 9 - 60)
- 6. Local Ethical Framework Developments - Report of the Monitoring Officer** (Pages 61 - 64)
- 7. Annual Report of Standards Committee - Report of the Monitoring Officer** (Pages 65 - 70)
- 8. Complaints Update - Report of the Monitoring Officer** (Pages 71 - 72)
- 9. Standards Bulletin - Report of the Monitoring Officer** (Pages 73 - 82)
- 10. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency**

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9th September 2021

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