# Ethics Committee Agenda



To: Councillor Clive Fraser (Chair)

Councillor Pat Clouder (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Mario Creatura, Patricia Hay-Justice, Joy Prince and

Helen Redfern

Independent Members: Anne Smith and Ashok Kumar

Reserve Members: Karen Jewitt, Felicity Flynn, Maddie Henson,

Callton Young, Jeet Bains and Gareth Streeter

A meeting of the **Ethics Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Thursday**, **18 October 2018** at **6.30 pm** in **F4 - Town Hall** 

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Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting. If you require any assistance, please contact the person detailed above, on the righthand side.

N.B This meeting will be paperless. The agenda can be accessed online at www.croydon.gov.uk/meetings



#### AGENDA - PART A

# 1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence from any members of the Committee.

#### 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 8)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2018 as an accurate record.

#### 3. Disclosure of Interests

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and the statutory provisions of the Localism Act, Members and co-opted Members of the Council are reminded that it is a requirement to register disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) and gifts and hospitality to the value of which exceeds £50 or multiple gifts and/or instances of hospitality with a cumulative value of £50 or more when received from a single donor within a rolling twelve month period. In addition, Members and co-opted Members are reminded that unless their disclosable pecuniary interest is registered on the register of interests or is the subject of a pending notification to the Monitoring Officer, they are required to disclose those disclosable pecuniary interests at the meeting. This should be done by completing the Disclosure of Interest form and handing it to the Democratic Services representative at the start of the meeting. The Chair will then invite Members to make their disclosure orally at the commencement of Agenda item 3. Completed disclosure forms will be provided to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion on the Register of Members' Interests.

#### 4. Urgent Business (if any)

To receive notice of any business not on the agenda which in the opinion of the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

# **5.** Code of conduct and complaints process (Pages 9 - 32)

To review and confirm the arrangements relating to decision making on Members' Complaints under the Code of Conduct.

# **6.** Case law update (Pages 33 - 42)

To review the outcome of recent case law and developments in relation to councillor conduct.

# 7. **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for Members** (Pages 43 - 48)

To approve the revised protocol for criminal record checks for Members.

# **8. Work programme** (Pages 49 - 50)

To consider the draft work plan for the Committee for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

# 9. **Dispensation applications for Members** (Pages 51 - 56)

To receive the report of the Director of Law on Members' dispensations for consideration, if any are received.

#### 10. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following motion is to be moved and seconded where it is proposed to exclude the press and public from the remainder of a meeting:

"That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended."

#### **PART B**

## 11. Dispensation Applications for Members

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