

General Purposes & Audit Committee Agenda



To: Dr Olu Olasode (Chair)
Councillor Karen Jewitt (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Stephen Mann, Nina Degradis, Paul Scott, Chris Clark,
Joy Prince, Stuart Millson, Steve Hollands, Simon Hoar and Luke Clancy

Reserve Members: Pat Clouder, Bernadette Khan, Sean Fitzsimons,
Clive Fraser, Andrew Pelling, Kola Agboola, Jason Cummings,
Badsha Quadir, Ian Parker and Jeet Bains

A meeting of the **General Purposes & Audit Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Tuesday, 25 January 2022 at 6.30 pm** in **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX**

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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

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2021 as an accurate record. *(Copy to follow)*

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. Presentation on an area of Risk (Pages 5 - 6)

6. Review of the MTFs January Cabinet Report

Report to follow.

7. Revisions to Annual Governance Statement (AGS) (Pages 7 - 50)

This report includes the draft AGS for review and approval in accordance with CIPFA guidance.

8. Revisions to the Council's Constitution (Pages 51 - 200)

This report includes an update to the Committee on the progress in reviewing the Council's Constitution in preparation for the introduction of the mayoral model of governance.

9. Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman Report (Pages 201 - 228)

This report includes the public interest report dated 6 December 2021 and the recommendations made by the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO).

10. Council Meeting Dates 2022/23 (Pages 229 - 242)

This report includes two schedules of dates for Council and Cabinet Meetings for the Council year 2022/23.

11. Work Programme (Pages 243 - 248)

This report includes the General Purpose & Audit Committee's work programme for the municipal year 2021/22.

12. Exclusion of Public and Press

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