# Ethics Committee Agenda



To: Councillor Leila Ben-Hassel (Chair) Councillor Brigitte Graham (Vice-Chair) Councillors Jade Appleton, Mario Creatura, Helen Redfern and Esther Sutton

Independent Persons: Don Axcell, Jennifer Gordon, Ashok Kumar and Alan Malarkey

Reserve Members: Councillors Jeet Bains, Richard Chatterjee, Clive Fraser, Holly Ramsey and Catherine Wilson

A meeting of the **Ethics Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Wednesday**, **5 July 2023** 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 (Pages 5 - 8)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2023 as an accurate record.

#### 3. Disclosure of Interests

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) they may have in relation to any item(s) of business on today's agenda.

#### 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. Work Programme (Pages 9 - 12)

To consider the Committee work programme for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

## 6. Appointments to Independent Person Selection Panel (Pages 13 - 18)

The Ethics Committee, on the 19th April 2023, due to a vacancy which had arisen, agreed to commence a recruitment process under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 to ensure a sufficient pool of Independent Persons.

#### 7. Member Gifts and Hospitality (Pages 19 - 24)

Members must comply with the Members' Code of Conduct including the requirements around declaring gifts and hospitality. Appendix 1 to this report provides the details of gifts and hospitality declared by Members since the Committee was last updated on declarations of this nature.

#### 8. Update on Ethics Complaints Received In The First Quarter Up To And Including 31 March 2023 (Pages 25 - 42)

The Council has determined that the Ethics Committee shall be responsible for receiving and considering reports on matters of probity

and ethics. This is a follow up to the first quarter report to the Ethics Committee to update members on any complaints previously reported to members during quarter one but now completed.