

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL



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Our Ref Standards Committee – 03.03.2021
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To: The Chair and Members of the Standards Committee of North Hertfordshire District Council

District Councillors Councillor Judi Billing MBE (Chair), Councillor Ruth Brown (Vice-Chair), Councillor Kate Aspinwall, Councillor Clare Billing, Councillor Sam Collins, Councillor David Levett, Councillor Gerald Morris, Councillor Sean Prendergast, Councillor Mike Rice, Councillor Martin Stears-Handscorn, Councillor Claire Strong, Councillor Richard Thake.

(Substitutes: Councillors Councillor Ian Albert, Councillor Paul Clark, Councillor George Davies, Councillor Simon Harwood, Councillor Michael Muir, Councillor Lisa Nash and Councillor Adem Ruggiero-Cakir.)

Parish Councillors Parish Councillors Rebecca Elliott and Martin Griffin.

Independent Persons Nicholas Moss OBE (Independent Person)
Peter Chapman and John Richardson (Reserve – Independent Person) – advisory roles.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

to be held as

A VIRTUAL MEETING

On

WEDNESDAY, 3RD MARCH, 2021 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson
Service Director – Legal and Community

****MEMBERS PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DOWNLOAD ALL AGENDAS AND REPORTS VIA THE MOD.GOV APPLICATION ON YOUR TABLET BEFORE ATTENDING THE MEETING****

Agenda Part I

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| <p>1. WELCOME AND REMOTE/PARTLY REMOTE MEETINGS PROTOCOL SUMMARY</p> <p>Members are requested to ensure that they are familiar with the attached summary of the Remote/Partly Remote Meetings Protocol. The full Remote/Partly Remote Meetings Protocol has been published and is available here: https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/council-and-democracy/council-and-committee-meetings.</p> | <p>(Pages 5
- 6)</p> |
| <p>2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Members are required to notify any substitutions by midday on the day of the meeting.</p> <p>Late substitutions will not be accepted and Members attending as a substitute without having given the due notice will not be able to take part in the meeting.</p> | |
| <p>3. MINUTES - 22 OCTOBER 2019 TO 20 OCTOBER 2020</p> <p>To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on:</p> <p>22 October 2019;</p> <p>20 October 2020.</p> | <p>(Pages 7
- 16)</p> |
| <p>4. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Members should notify the Chair of other business which they wish to be discussed at the end of either Part I or Part II business set out in the agenda. They must state the circumstances which they consider justify the business being considered as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>The Chair will decide whether any item(s) raised will be considered.</p> | |
| <p>5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>Members are reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and are required to notify the Chair of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest, wishing to exercise a 'Councillor Speaking Right', must declare this at the same time as the interest, move to the public area before speaking to the item and then must leave the room before the debate and vote.</p> | |

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public.

7. STANDARDS MATTERS REPORT

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – LEGAL & COMMUNITY/
MONITORING OFFICER

(Pages
17 - 22)

The report updates Members of the Committee on standards issues generally.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ('LGA') MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR - LEGAL & COMMUNITY /
MONITORING OFFICER

(Pages
23 - 52)

The report provides an update on the LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct Appendix 1 and consideration of the option to recommend adoption to Full Council.