

# Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee Agenda

**Thursday 13 August 2020 at 4.00pm  
Online Virtual Meeting**

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- 1. Apologies**  
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2. Minutes**  
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2020 as a correct record.
- 3. Declarations of Interest**  
To receive any declarations of interest from members relating to any item on the agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct and/or S106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- 4. Additional Items of Business**  
To determine whether there are any additional items of business arising which should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

## **Public Items**

- 5. LGA Model Code of Conduct and Best Practice Recommendations from the Committee on Standards in Public Life**  
To consider the Council's response to the consultation on the LGA Model Code of Conduct and the action plan in relation to the best practice recommended by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

- 6. Standards Working Group - Update**  
To provide an update on matters considered by the Standards Working Group and to consider the scope/methodology of the review.
- 7. Update on phase two of the Member Development Programme including implementation of the My Councillor Member Portal**  
To note the continued progress relating to phase two of the Member Development Programme
- 8. Gifts and Hospitality**  
Standing item to consider the gifts and hospitality register.
- 9. National Cases**  
Standing item to consider national cases in relation to Member Code of Conduct.
- 10. Work Programme 2020/21**  
To consider the work programme of the Committee for the 2020/21 municipal year.
- 11. Allegations Update**  
Standing item to consider the update on allegations.

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