

Agenda

Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

Tuesday, 22 March 2022 at 2.30 pm
in Committee Room 1 - Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

This agenda gives notice of items to be considered in private as required by Regulations 5 (4) and (5) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

1 **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence

2 **Members to declare any interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting**

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.

3 **Minutes**

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2022 as a correct record.



- 4 **Urgent Item 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.
- 5 **Revision to Appointments to Ethical Standards Sub-Committees** 15 - 18
- To approve the revised appointments to the Ethical Standards Sub-Committee membership.
- 6 **DBS Checks for Elected Members** 19 - 30
- To consider the guidance/protocol for DBS Checks for Elected Members prior to submission to Full Council.
- 7 **Review of Protocol for Independent Persons Appointed under the Localisms Act 2011** 31 - 38
- To Consider the review of the protocol for Independent Persons appointed under the Localism Act 2011
- 8 **Review of the Social Media Policy for Elected Members** 39 - 62
- To consider the review of the Social Media Policy for Elected Members.
- 9 **Review of the Committee on Standards in Public Life Best Practice Recommendations** 63 - 72
- To consider the review of the Best Practice Recommendations
- 10 **Annual Report - Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee 2021/2022** 73 - 94
- To consider the draft annual report to the Committee prior to submission to Full Council

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| 11 | Gifts and Hospitality Register | 95 - 98 |
| | Standing Item to consider the gifts and hospitality register. | |
| 12 | National Cases | 99 - 106 |
| | Standing item to consider national cases in relation to Member Code of Conduct. | |
| 13 | Complaints Update | 107 - 112 |
| | Standing Item to consider the update on complaints. | |
| 14 | Work Programme | 113 - 118 |
| | Standing item to note the progress of the work programme and forthcoming items. | |

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