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Date: Tuesday, 20 July 2021

Notice of meeting

Standards Committee

Date: Wednesday, 28 July 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames

To the members of the Standards Committee

Councillors:

I. Winter (Chairman)	J.R. Boughtflower	O. Rybinski
Dylan Price (Vice-Chairman)	R.D. Dunn	R.W. Sider BEM
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Agenda

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1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive any disclosures of interest from members in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

3. Establishment of the Committee System Working Group

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To consider the establishment of the Committee System Working Group with the members and remit as set out in the report.

4. Code of Conduct Guidance

To Follow

Members are asked to note the contents of the Code of Conduct Guidance.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To move the exclusion of the Press/Public for the following item, in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 2 (Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. In making its decision, the Panel is asked to confirm that having regard to all circumstances, it is satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. In this case the proper administration of the complaints procedure in the public interest is that consideration of complaints should not be made public when the complaints may or may not be proved and may or may not be investigated.

6. Update on complaints relating to the Code of Conduct

To Follow

The Committee is asked to note the decisions taken by the Monitoring Officer in relation to the complaints detailed in the report.

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Title	Establishment of the Committee System Working Group
Purpose of the report	To make a decision
Report Author	Gillian Scott, Committee Services Support Officer
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Exempt	No
Exemption Reason	Not applicable
Corporate Priority	This item is not in the current list of Corporate Priorities but still requires a Committee decision
Recommendations	Committee is asked to: Agree to establish the Committee System Working Group with the members and remit as set out in this report.
Reason for Recommendation	The Committee System Working Group has played an integral role in the design and structure of the new Committee System. It has agreed to evaluate the success and operation of the new arrangements periodically over the next year.

1. Key issues

- 1.1 Following Council's agreement in October 2020 to progress with the change in governance arrangements to the Committee System, a Working Group consisting of the leaders of all political groups was established.
- 1.2 The Working Group met regularly between November 2020 and March 2021 to work collaboratively on the design and structure of the Council's proposed model for decision-making, which was implemented from the Annual Council meeting 2021.
- 1.3 At its meeting on 17 February 2020, the Working Group agreed it should continue to meet periodically to evaluate the success of the new arrangements and review how they are working in practice, with a full and formal review taking place after 12 months.

2. Options analysis and proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Committee System Working Group is established for 2021-22 with the membership and remit as follows:

Membership

All group leaders of the political groups that make up the Council at any time the Working Group meets

Remit

To evaluate the success and review the operation of the Committee System at 3-, 6- and 12-month intervals since its implementation.

3. Financial implications

3.1 There are none arising from this report.

4. Other considerations

4.1 No other considerations have been identified.

5. Equality and Diversity

5.1 The recommended proposal will allow all councillors to provide feedback on the new arrangements.

Background papers: There are none.