



NOTICE OF MEETING

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT AND STANDARDS - (HEARING) SUB COMMITTEE

**FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 10.30 AM
(PLEASE NOTE LATER START TIME)**

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(NB This agenda should be retained for future reference with the papers for the meeting.)

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Deputations by members of the public may be made on any item where a decision is going to be taken. The request should be made in writing to the contact officer (above) by 12 noon of the working day before the meeting, and must include the purpose of the deputation. Email requests are accepted.

Please note that deputations for this meeting should clearly state to which item they relate and will be heard immediately before that item after which it will be recommended that the sub-committee moves into exempt session as appropriate.

Please also note that if the item to which the deputations relate is not considered, those deputations will not be heard.

AGENDA

- 1 Election of Chair
- 2 Declarations of Members' Interests
- 3 Consideration of a preliminary matter in relation to a complaint against a Member (Pages 1 - 6)

(The sub-committee will hear or receive the relevant deputations for this item at this point in the meeting)

The sub-committee is asked to consider the recommendation made in the attached City Solicitor's report.

- 4 Consideration of the report of Nigel Pascoe QC into a complaint against a Member (this item may not be considered depending on the decision on item 3 above) (Pages 7 - 10)**

(If this item is to be considered, the sub-committee will hear or receive the relevant deputations for this item in open session, together with the City Solicitor's attached cover report, before it considers moving into exempt session for the remainder of the item).

The Investigating Officer's exempt report and appendices will be tabled on the day. The sub-committee is requested to determine the matter before it.

- 5 Exclusion of Press and Public**

That in view of the contents of item 4 on the agenda, the (Hearing) sub-committee is **RECOMMENDED** to adopt the following motion:

“That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information Act, 1985), the press and public be excluded for the consideration of the following item:-

**Item 4 - on the grounds that it contains information defined as exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 under paragraphs 1, 2 and 7(A).
Paragraph Exemption Nos:**

- 1. Information relating to any individual**
- 2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual**
- 7(A). Information which is subject to any obligation of confidentiality**

Although there is a public interest favouring public access to local authority meetings, given the legally and personally sensitive information contained in the report and appendices, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the (exempt) information

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