



NOTICE OF MEETING

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 15 JANUARY 2021 AT 2.00 PM

VIRTUAL REMOTE MEETING

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Standing Deputies

Councillor Matthew Atkins
Councillor Ben Dowling
Councillor Graham Heaney
Councillor Donna Jones
Councillor Terry Norton

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AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Declarations of Members' Interests**
- 3 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 November 2020** (Pages 5 - 14)

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2020 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

- 4 **2019 to 20 Audit Results report** (Pages 15 - 74)

The Committee is asked to note the 2019 to 2020 External Audit Results report.

- 5 **RIPA Inspection 2020** (Pages 75 - 76)

The purpose of the report is to update Members on the inspection results and the Authority's use of Regulatory Powers for the period from 6th July 2019 to 6th January 2021.

RECOMMENDED that Members of the Governance and Audit and Standards Committee

- (1) **Note that there have not been any RIPA applications authorised since the last report to this Committee on the 29th July 2019**
- (2) **Note the inspection carried out by the IPCO Surveillance Inspector and results presented.**

- 6 **Whistleblowing Report** (Pages 77 - 88)

The purpose of the report is to update Members of this Committee on the nature and handling of any concerns raised under the Whistleblowing Policy for the period January 2020 to December 2020. In addition, the report highlights the review of the Whistleblowing policy, although there are no current amendments.

RECOMMENDED that Members of the Governance and Audit and Standards Committee:

- (1) **Note this report and the attached Appendix A and consider whether any further action is required**
- (2) **Note that a review of the Whistleblowing policy has taken place resulting in no proposed amendments. (Appendix B)**

- 7 **Complaints received into alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct by**

Members of the Council for the calendar year 2020 (Pages 89 - 100)

The purpose of the report is to update Members of the Committee in relation to complaints which have been progressed within the calendar year 2020 and which allege that Councillors may have breached the Code of Conduct.

RECOMMENDED that the Committee

- (1) Notes the report**
- (2) Considers whether any further action is required by them**

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