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Merton Council

Standards and General Purposes Committee Agenda

Membership

Councillors:

Peter McCabe (Chair)
Adam Bush (Vice-Chair)
Agatha Mary Akyigyina OBE
Ben Butler
John Dehaney
Brenda Fraser
Dickie Wilkinson
David Williams MBE JP
Hina Bokhari
Mary Curtin
Thomas Barlow
Pauline Cowper

Substitute Members:

Peter Southgate
Omar Bush
Stan Anderson
Sally Kenny
Nick McLean
Jenifer Gould

Date: Thursday 23 July 2020

Time: 7.15 pm

Venue: This will be a virtual meeting and therefore will not take place in a physical location, in accordance with s78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020.

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence | |
| 2 | Declarations of Pecuniary Interest | |
| 3 | Minutes of the previous meeting | 1 - 6 |
| 4 | Update to the EY 2019/20 Audit Plan as a result of Covid-19 | 7 - 14 |
| 5 | Internal Audit Annual Report | 15 - 32 |
| 6 | Annual Governance Statement | 33 - 50 |
| 7 | Social Media Guidance for Councillors | 51 - 58 |
| 8 | Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Report - Enforcement Agents This is currently being circulated as an exempt document until it is made public by the Local Government and Social Care (LGSCO) Ombudsman on 23 July 2020 at which point it will be published. | |
| 9 | Proposed Response to the Local Government Association's Consultation on a new Model Code of Conduct for Members | 59 - 94 |
| 10 | Revised RIPA Policy and update on RIPA Authorisations | 95 - 152 |
| 11 | Proposed Review of the Council's Constitution and interim Amendments to the Appointments Committee Terms of Reference and the Employee Procedure Rules | 153 - 166 |
| 12 | Complaints against Members <i>A verbal update to be provided at the meeting</i> | |
| 13 | Member Training and Development | 167 - 184 |
| 14 | Work Programme | 185 - 186 |
| 15 | Exclusion of the Press and Public To RESOLVE that the public are excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following report on the grounds that it is exempt from disclosure for the reasons stated in the report. | |
| 16 | Temporary and Contract Staff update | 187 - 196 |

Note on declarations of interest

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