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S U M M O N S

MEETING: Standards and Governance Committee
DATE: 18 November 2021
TIME: 6.00 pm
PLACE: Council Chamber
Democratic Services contact: Linda Coote

PAUL GRANT
BOROUGH SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Councillor Blackman (Chairman)

Councillor Ms Ballard
Councillor Beavis
Councillor Chegwyn
Councillor Mrs Furlong
Councillor Herridge
Councillor Hylands

Councillor Mrs Hook
Councillor Mrs Huggins
Councillor Murphy
Councillor Pepper
Councillor Scard

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NOTE:

- i. Councillors are requested to note that, if any Councillor who is not a Member of the Board wishes to speak at the Board meeting, then the Borough Solicitor is required to receive not less than 24 hours prior notice in writing or electronically and such notice shall indicate the agenda item or items on which the member wishes to speak.
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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for non-attendance**

2. **Declarations of interest**

All members are required to disclose at this point in the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter, any disclosable pecuniary interest or personal interest in any item(s) being considered at this meeting.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting held on 14 October 2021** (Pages 5 - 6)

4. **Deputations - Standing Order 3.4**

(NOTE: The Board is required to receive a deputation(s) on a matter which is before the meeting of the Board provided that notice of the intended deputation and its object shall have been received by the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on Tuesday 16th November 2021)

5. **Public Questions - Standing Order 3.5**

(NOTE: The Board is required to allow a total of 15 minutes for questions from members of the public on matters within the terms of reference of the Board provided that notice of such question(s) shall have been submitted to the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on Tuesday 16th November 2021)

6. **Whistleblowing Policy & Statistics** (Pages 7 - 8)

To update Members in regards to the Whistleblowing Policy and any referrals made from October 2020 to October 2021.

7. **Audit Progress Report 1st April to 28th October 2021** (Pages 9 - 20)

To update the committee on the progress of the Audit Plan 2021/22, agreed (July 2021), to the Members with responsibility for governance.

8. **Review of Code of Conduct for Members** (Pages 21 - 34)

This report sets out the need for the Council to review its Code of Conduct for Members and Arrangements for Dealing with Allegations of Breaches of the Code of Conduct for Members (taken together and referred to as “the Code”) set out in Part 4 Schedule 17 of the Constitution, and considers the proposal of setting up a working group of Members and Officers to review the Code and assist the Borough Solicitor in proposing amendments to a future Committee.

9. **Any Other Items**