

# **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY 2024 AT 14:00 HOURS**  
**IN HMS DARING ROOM, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,**  
**BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB**

## **A G E N D A**

### **1 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Members are reminded they must declare all relevant pecuniary and other registerable interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting.

If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If other registerable interests are declared a Member may speak on the matter only if members of the public are allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', Members do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that they have an interest.

Information on the Local Government Association's Model Councillor Code of Conduct is set out via <http://bit.ly/3WtGQnN>. This includes, at Appendix 1, an interests flowchart which provides a simple guide to declaring interests at meetings.

### **2 APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies.

### **3 CODE OF CONDUCT UPDATE**

4 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chair are matters of urgency.

5 **AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS**

Chair to move:-

'In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chair jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee'.

6 **EXEMPT INFORMATION – POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

a) To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information within the meaning of Section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.

b) To formally pass the following resolution:-

**RESOLVED** – That, in accordance with Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of those parts of the agenda designated as exempt on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

# Birmingham City Council Standards Sub-Committee

18 January 2024



**Subject:** Code of Conduct Update.

**Report of:** Marie Rosenthal, Interim City Solicitor & Monitoring Officer

**Report Writer:** Robert Connelly Assistant Director – Governance

This report contains exempt information and Appendix 1 has been published as an exempt item under Schedule 12A Part 1 (1) (2) & (7) of the Local Government Act 1972

## 1. Purpose of report:

- 1.1 To update the Standards Committee in relation to a complaint made to the Monitoring Officer under the Councils Code of Conduct

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To consider and note the report set out in exempt appendix.

## 3. Background

- 3.1 Under Section 27 of the Localism Act 2011, a relevant authority must:
  - i. promote and maintain high standards of conduct by its members and co-opted members; and
  - ii. when discharging its duty, adopt a voluntary code dealing with the conduct that is expected of members and co-opted members of the authority when they are acting in their capacity as members (that is in an official capacity)
- 3.2 Under section 28(6) of the Act a relevant authority must have in place arrangements:
  - i. under which allegations can be investigated; and
  - ii. under which decisions on allegations can be made

#### **4. Financial Implications**

4.1 There are none arising from this report

#### **5. Legal Implications**

5.1 None other than those set out above

#### **6. Human Resources**

6.1 There are none arising from this report.

#### **7. Equalities / EIA**

7.1 There are no public sector equality duties which are of relevance at this stage.

#### **8. Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment**

8.1 None

#### **9. Background Documents**

9.1 Elected Members Code of Conduct (Part C of the Council's Constitution).

9.2 Elected members Complaints procedure [Complaints procedure | Complain about a Councillor | Birmingham City Council](#)

#### **10. List of appendices accompanying this report**

10.1 Exempt Appendix 1 & 2