

Standards Committee

Date: Thursday, 17th September, 2020

Time: 4.00 pm

**Venue: Virtual Meeting - Zoom - Public Access via
YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/bathnescouncil>

To: All Members of the Standards Committee

Independent Members: Dr Axel Palmer, Dr Cyril Davies and Deborah Russell

Parish/Town Councillors: Tony Crouch, Clive Fricker and Kathy Thomas

Bath and North East Somerset Councillors: Jess David, Sally Davis, Duncan Hounsell, Michelle O'Doherty and June Player

Independent Person: Tony Drew

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers

Press and public

The agenda is set out overleaf.



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NOTES

1. **Inspection of Papers:** Papers are available for inspection as follows:

Council's website: <https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieDocHome.aspx?bcr=1>

2. **Details of decisions taken at this meeting** can be found in the minutes which will be circulated with the agenda for the next meeting. In the meantime, details can be obtained by contacting as above.

3. **Broadcasting at Meetings:-**

The Council will broadcast the images and sounds live via the internet

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The Council may also use the images/sound recordings on its social media site or share with other organisations, such as broadcasters.

4. **Public Speaking at Meetings**

The Council has a scheme to encourage the public to make their views known at meetings. They may make a statement relevant to what the meeting has power to do. They may also present a petition or a deputation on behalf of a group.

Advance notice is required not less than two full working days before the meeting. This means that for meetings held on Thursdays notice must be received in Democratic Services by 5.00pm the previous Monday.

Further details of the scheme can be found at:

<https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=12942>

5. **Supplementary information for meetings**

Additional information and Protocols and procedures relating to meetings

<https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13505>

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair will draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out on the Agenda.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTION
4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At this point in the meeting declarations of interest are received from Members in any of the agenda items under consideration at the meeting. Members are asked to indicate:

- (a) The agenda item number in which they have an interest to declare.
- (b) The nature of their interest.
- (c) Whether their interest is **a disclosable pecuniary interest** *or* an **other interest**,
(as defined in Part 2, A and B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests)

Any Member who needs to clarify any matters relating to the declaration of interests is recommended to seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer or a member of his staff before the meeting to expedite dealing with the item during the meeting.

5. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR
The Chair will announce any items of urgent business accepted since the agenda was prepared under the Access to Information provisions.
6. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC - TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS (COMPLAINTS MUST GO THROUGH THE STANDARDS COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE)
7. ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTED AND ADDED MEMBERS RELATING TO THE GENERAL BUSINESS OF THE COMMITTEE
8. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9TH JULY 2020 (Pages 5 - 10)
9. REPORT ON THE ASSESSMENT OF COMPLAINTS (Pages 11 - 16)
10. ANNUAL REPORT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN COMPLAINTS (Pages 17 - 18)
11. PARISHES LIAISON MEETING - TERMS OF REFERENCE

This item is for noting only and reported for the Committee's attention.

On 14th August 2020, the Monitoring Officer made a delegated officer decision to permit the addition of the words "other than important items raised by a single parish or a small number of parishes that are agreed by the Parish Liaison agenda setting group will be included on the agenda" to the end of the first bullet point in paragraph 5.3 of the Parish Liaison meeting Terms of Reference.

Paragraph 5.3 reads as below;

"Items that are not relevant for Parish Liaison will be those:

- That relate to a single, or small number of parishes
- For which other, effective channels of communication exist
- That are day to day operational issues
- That need to be addressed immediately."

This recommendation arose at the Avon Local Council's Association (ALCA) Annual General Meeting held in June and was supported by the Parish Liaison Meeting on 16th July 2020.

[Constitution Part 2, Article 15 permits the Monitoring Officer to agree minor changes to the Constitution.]

The full officer decision can be viewed here;

<https://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1431>

12. WORKPLAN FOR THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE (Pages 19 - 20)

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Enfys Hughes who can be contacted on 01225 394410.