

Tuesday, 5 April 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 13 April 2022 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Foster Avenue, Beeston NG9 1AB, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Should you require advice on declaring an interest in any item on the agenda, please contact the Monitoring Officer at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

To Councillors: E H Atherton L A Lally

D Bagshaw P Lally S A Bagshaw H Land

L A Ball BEM R D MacRae (Chair)

M Brown G Marshall B C Carr J W McGrath S J Carr J M Owen M J Crow P J Owen E Cubley J P T Parker T A Cullen S Paterson S Dannheimer J C Patrick S Easom D D Pringle

L Fletcher M Radulovic MBE J C Goold R S Robinson

D Grindell (Vice-Chair) P Roberts-Thomson

T Hallam C M Tideswell

M Handley I L Tyler M Hannah P D Simpson R I Jackson H E Skinner E Kerry D K Watts S Kerry E Williamson H G Khaled MBE R D Willimott

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies and to be notified of the attendance of substitutes.

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2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda.

3. <u>MINUTES</u> (Pages 5 - 16)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2022.

4. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

The Local Government Act 1972 states that when a Councillor fails to attend any meeting for six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance, then, subject to certain exceptions, they cease to be a member of the authority, unless the Council accepts a reason for the failure to attend before the six months expires. For personal health related reasons, Councillor Eileen Atherton is currently unable to attend Council meetings. In the circumstances, it is put before members to consider a dispensation under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, for the period of six months from 13 April 2022 before which forfeiture applies.

Council is asked to CONSIDER a dispensation for Councillor Eileen Atherton for a period of six months from the date of this meeting and RESOLVE accordingly.

5. REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

(Pages 17 - 80)

The purpose of the report at appendix 1 that was presented to the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee is to present Members with a revised Members' Code of Conduct and arrangements for dealing with Code of Conduct complaints.

The revised Code is based on the new model Code (with local amendments) recently produced by the Local Government Association (LGA) following the recommendations made by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (CSPL).

The Member and Officer working task group have revised the Code of Conduct for Members and the arrangement for dealing with complaints to ensure they are fit for purpose, provide clarity on expected behaviours and process, to promote high standards of conduct and trust and set out what the public can expect from their representatives.

6. CHANGES TO GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS AND DRAFT PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS FOR MAY 2022 TO APRIL 2023

(Pages 81 - 96)

To update Members with the draft Programme of Meetings for May 2022 to April 2023 for Cabinet, Council and Committees and seek resolutions on issues in relation to the changes to governance arrangements.

Further information is circulated separately to the agenda in relation to this item.