

AUDIT AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (APPOINTMENT PANEL) SUB-COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, 6 JANUARY 2021 AT 1.00 PM
REMOTE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM**

*Other than the introductions and formalities, all decision making parts of this meeting will be held in private by virtue of paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). Consequently, for resource reasons no part of this meeting will be broadcast live. The minutes of the meeting will however be available on the website in due course.

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Councillors Pat Callaghan (L), Sabrina Francis (L), Georgia Gould (L), Abdul Hai (L), Angela Mason (L), Oliver Lewis (L) and Tom Simon (LD)

L = Labour, C = Conservative, LD = Liberal Democrat

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REMOTE MEETINGS IN CAMDEN

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The Council is allowed to discuss some items in private, although this does not happen often; any such items will be discussed, as far as possible, at the end of the meeting. The live meeting stream will be paused and public speakers will be asked to leave the remote meeting.

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You may be asked to stop filming, photographing or recording a meeting if this in some way becomes disruptive to the meeting.

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REMOTE MEETING ETIQUETTE

Participants¹ in remote meetings are asked to adhere to the following guidelines:

Preparing for the meeting

- If you are planning to attend, make sure you have informed the committee officer named on the agenda front sheet, so that a full list of those expected at the meeting can be prepared.
- Ensure you have read the report(s) before the meeting.
- Ensure that you are located in an area where you are unlikely to be disturbed.
- Ensure that your broadband connection is sufficiently stable to join the meeting. If your connection has low bandwidth, you might need to ask others using your broadband connection to disconnect their devices from the broadband for the duration of the meeting. If this does not help, you may wish to try connecting your device to your router using an Ethernet cable.
- Ensure that your background is neutral (a blank wall is best) and that you are dressed appropriately for a meeting held in public.
- Ensure that the camera on the device that you are using is positioned to provide a clear, front-on view of your face. This may involve thinking about lighting in the room you are in (for example, sitting in front of a window may plunge your face into shadow) or putting your webcam, laptop or tablet on top of a couple of books so that you can look into the camera face on.
- Ensure that you are familiar with the functions of the software you are using. The committee officer will be online 15 minutes before the meeting start time to give everyone time to join and deal with any technical challenges, so try to join the meeting at least 5 minutes before the meeting start time to make sure that everything is working.
- Ideally, you should use earphones or a headset to participate in meetings as it reduces the risk of feedback from using your device's external speaker and reduces background noise from your surroundings.

At the meeting

- Join the meeting promptly to avoid unnecessary interruptions.
- Mute your microphone when you are not talking. If you are an officer or a depute, please turn off your video when not speaking in order to reduce bandwidth.
- Only speak when invited to do so by the Chair.
- When speaking for the first time, please state your name.
- Keep comments, questions and other contributions brief and to the point.

¹ Participants are defined as members of the committee; other councillors who seek to address the committee; officers advising the committee or presenting reports; any external partners / third-parties invited to address or advise the Committee; and deputees (including any member of the public with speaking rights).

- If referring to a specific page on the agenda, mention the page number.
- The 'chat' function must only be used by committee members to indicate a wish to speak, to indicate that they are having a connection issue or to make a request for a formal vote. It is not to be used for conversations and should be used in an appropriate and professional manner at all times.
- Once you no longer need to participate in the meeting, please leave the call; you can still watch via the public video stream if you wish. Once the Chair closes the meeting, all remaining participants should leave the call promptly.

Exempt or confidential items

Occasionally, the committee may need to go into closed session to consider information that is confidential or exempt from publication. If this happens, the committee will pass a resolution to that effect, the public feed will be cut and any participant who is not a member of the committee will be asked to leave the meeting. If you are asked to leave the meeting, please end your connection promptly. Any connections that are not ended promptly will be terminated by the committee officer.

ENDS

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SUB-COMMITTEE
6 JANUARY 2021**

PLEASE NOTE THAT PART OF THIS MEETING MAY NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BECAUSE IT MAY INVOLVE THE CONSIDERATION OF EXEMPT INFORMATION WITHIN THE MEANING OF SCHEDULE 12A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, OR CONFIDENTIAL WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 100(A)(2) OF THE ACT.

AGENDA

Wards

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

**2. GUIDANCE ON REMOTE MEETINGS HELD DURING THE
CORONAVIRUS NATIONAL EMERGENCY**

To agree the Council's procedure for remote meetings

(Pages
7 - 14)

3. APOLOGIES

**4. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY, NON-
PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON
THIS AGENDA**

5. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)

**7. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR
DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT**

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - ACCESS TO INFORMATION

It is drawn to the attention of members of the public and the press that the items listed below are considered to be exempt within the meaning of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The Sub-Committee will be asked to pass a resolution, the effect of which is to exclude members of the public and the press from the remaining part

of the proceedings.

Information contained in Agenda Items 9 and 10 are exempt because it falls within Category 1 of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

Proposed resolution:

“THAT the press and public be excluded from the proceedings of the Audit and Corporate Governance Appointments Sub-Committee on 6th January 2021 during consideration of Items 9 and 10 on Part II of the agenda, on the basis that, were members of the public to be present, there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended”

Specifically -

Publicity in respect of Items 9 and 10 would be likely to lead to the disclosure of information relating to any individual or information which is likely to reveal the identity of any individual, by virtue of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006.

9. DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING AND SOCIAL WORK - RECRUITMENT PROCESS FINAL INTERVIEW

All Wards

Report of the Director of People and Inclusion

(Pages
15 - 24)

This report provides some background with regard to the general practice for the sub-committee in undertaking their role as the Chief Officer appointment panel for the Council. Members are asked to carefully consider the advice within the report and should they have any additional questions to seek advice either before or during the meeting. Separately and with as much notice as they can (depending on the timing of the recruitment) HR will supply to all members on a strictly confidential basis applications/CV of the candidates, as well as any results from the Assessment Centre. Members will consider the relevant application material and reports on the performance of candidates in any assessment exercises, together with performance of candidates in member panel interview in coming to a decision.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND IS EXEMPT WITHIN THE MEANING OF SCHEDULE 12A WITHIN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AGENDA ENDS