



Meeting GOVERNANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

Date Thursday 27 January 2022 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Philip Owen (Chairman)
Nigel Moxon (Vice-Chairman)

Richard Butler	Helen-Ann Smith – Absent
Neil Clarke MBE	Roger Upton
John Cottee	Daniel Williamson – Apologies
Errol Henry JP – Apologies	Elizabeth Williamson
Michael Payne – Apologies	

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillor Jim Creamer for Councillor Errol Henry
Councillor Mike Pringle for Councillor Michael Payne

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Rob Disney	Chief Executive's Department
Richard Elston	
Keith Ford	
Emma Hunter	
Simon Lacey	
Nigel Stevenson	
Jo Toomey (remote)	
Marjorie Toward	

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 16 December 2021, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Councillor Errol Henry (medical)
- Councillor Michael Payne (other Council business)
- Councillor Daniel Williamson

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None

4. UPDATE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL CARE OMBUDSMAN (LGSCO) DECISIONS NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 2021

RESOLVED: 2022/001

That no actions are required in respect of the contents of this report

5. COUNTER FRAUD PROGRESS REPORT

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions on the report, which updated the Committee on the counter fraud work undertaken to date in 2021/22. Members asked about the National Fraud Initiative's data-matching around blue badges and the way those that required cancellation and those where there was potential fraudulent activity would be reported. It was suggested that it would be helpful if a presentation could be made to the Committee on the way the matching exercised worked and the recording of outcomes.

RESOLVED: 2022/002

1. That a presentation be delivered to the Committee on the National Fraud Initiative data matching and specifically blue badges when it receives the Annual Fraud Report
2. That the Committee will receive further reports on the actions already being taken within the Council to tackle fraud.

6. REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT (RIPA) 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

RESOLVED: 2022/003

That no actions are required in respect of the contents of this report.

7. WORK PROGRAMME

Following a request that was made at the last meeting of the Committee around complaints against Adult Social Care and the proportion of those where communication appeared a contributory factor, the Chair had been contacted by the Corporate Director. The suggestion was made that the Corporate Director should be invited to a future meeting of the Committee once service pressures had eased, to discuss measures being put in place to identify and address the causes of complaints.

RESOLVED: 2022/004

That the work programme be updated to include an item in the 'to be scheduled' section on Adult Social Care complaints.

The meeting closed at 2.10 pm.

CHAIRMAN