

**Bristol City Council
Minutes of the Values and Ethics Sub-Committee**

25 September 2023 at 12pm



Members Present:-

Tony Dyer, Zoe Goodman, Jonathan Hucker & Tim Kent (substitute for Andrew Brown)

Independent Member Adebola Adebayo – Chair.

Officers in Attendance:-

Tim O’Gara – Director – Legal & Democratic Services & Monitoring Officer (MO), Nancy Rollason – Head of Legal Services (HOLS), Simba Muzarurwi – Chief Internal Auditor, Allison Taylor – Democratic Services

1. Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting. The Committee noted the emergency evacuation procedure arrangements.

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Andrew Brown with Tim Kent as substitute.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The MO reported that the matter of Dispensations would now be considered after the elections in May 2024.

Resolved – That the minutes of the 30 January 2023 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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5. Public Forum.



The Chair stated that as a result of the number and nature of the questions submitted under Public Forum he had decided that he would ask the Monitoring Officer and Head of Legal Services to respond in writing and responses would be sent by the end of the week. People who had submitted questions would be able to submit written supplementary questions as a result of the responses received.

The Sub-Committee was concerned that they would not be able to properly consider the reports on the agenda when there was so much public interest and they had not seen responses to questions.

It was therefore proposed and agreed that all the agenda items listed be deferred to the meeting arranged on 9 October, and that the Public Forum questions along with the responses be brought back to that meeting, along with any supplementary questions and responses and any new Public Forum.

The Chair agreed that as questioners had taken the time to attend the meeting they would be able to make a statement to the sub-Committee even if they had not submitted one before the meeting. All statements were read and noted by the Committee.

The Chair thanked the public for their attendance and declared the meeting over.

The meeting ended at 12.45pm.

CHAIR _____

