

Public Forum

HR Committee

15th February 2024



Statements	
Number	Name
PS01	Joanna Booth

PS01 – Joanna Booth

Dear HR committee,

I hope you have been paying attention to the actions at Values and Ethics Committee over the last few months, and at full council.

If you were paying attention you would have seen some residents make the monitoring officer that he was not complying with the statutory requirements about independent persons.

Under his monitorship, there have been no complaints upheld and he has presided over a system where residents are told to keep their complaints confidential, specifically against LGA best practice.

As per the constitution I expect you to begin an inquiry into his behaviour.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Joanna



Questions	
Number	Name
PQ01 & PQ02	Suzanne Audrey

PQ01 & PQ02 – Suzanne Audrey

The Employee Travel Policy Monitoring Update does not contain any information about train travel or air travel.

Response: *Expenditure may be included in the “public transport” figures shown in the report, but air and rail travel is also booked using the Council’s corporate travel booking contract. In addition, international travel data for members and officers is published here: [Open data \(bristol.gov.uk\)](https://open.data.bristol.gov.uk). This data currently runs to June 2022 and is being updated at the moment. We can alert by e-mail when the data has been updated.*

Question 1: Where is the International Travel Policy for employees published? (I have searched but cannot find it on the website, although the policy for members is available.)

Response: *The International Travel Policy for Employees is available on the staff intranet. It is not published on the Council’s public website.*

Question 2: What are the figures for expenditure on national and international train travel, and national and international air travel, for the Spend on Business Travel 2017/18 to 2022/23?

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For national travel data, there is insufficient time to provide the data requested by today’s deadline, but this will be investigated and where available provided by e-mail in due course.

