



MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Held as an online meeting on Tuesday 8 September 2020 on the rising of the Audit and Standards Advisory Committee

PRESENT (in remote attendance): Councillor Long (Chair) and Councillors Donnelly-Jackson, Hassan, Naheerathan, Kansagra and Lo

Independent Advisor: Vineeta Manchanda

Also Present: Councillor McLennan (Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Resources) and David Ewart (Independent Chair of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee)

1. Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

Apologies were received from Councillor Nerva, who was substituted by Councillor Lo.

2. Declarations of Interests

None.

3. Deputations (if any)

None.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday 5 May 2020.

5. Complaints & Code of Conduct

Debra Norman, Director of Legal, HR, Audit & Investigations, introduced a report on the annual review of the Members' Code of Conduct Complaints procedure.

On the basis of the discussion and comments made at the preceding Audit & Standards Advisory Committee it was **RESOLVED** to approve the Members' Code of Conduct Complaints procedure.

6. Statement of Accounts & External Auditors Report

Ben Ainsworth, Head of Finance, introduced a report on the Council's and Brent Pension Fund's annual statement of accounts and letters of representation.

On the basis of the discussion and comments made at the preceding Audit & Standards Advisory Committee it was **RESOLVED** to approve the Council's and Brent Pension Fund's statement of accounts and letters of representation (subject to final wording being agreed between officers).

The meeting closed at 19.30.

Councillor J Long
Chair