

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GMCA STANDARDS COMMITTEE
HELD ON FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER 2021**

PRESENT:

Geoff Linnell	Independent Member
Councillor Martyn Cox	Bolton
City Mayor Paul Dennett	Salford
Councillor Brenda Warrington	Tameside
Councillor Andrew Western	Trafford

ALSO PRESENT:

Eamonn Boylan	Chief Executive, GMCA
Liz Treacy	Monitoring Officer, GMCA
Nicola Ward	Governance & Scrutiny, GMCA

GMSC/01/21 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and noted from Councillor Elise Wilson (Stockport).

GMSC/02/21 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED/-

There were none.

GMSC/03/21 STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2021/22

RESOLVED/-

That the membership of the GMCA Standards Committee membership for 2021/22 be noted as follows:

Martyn Cox (Bolton) (Con)

Paul Dennett (Salford) (Lab)
Elise Wilson (Stockport) (Lab)
Andrew Western (Trafford) (Lab)
Brenda Warrington (Tameside) (Lab)
Geoff Linnell (Independent Member)

GMSC/04/21 STANDARDS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members discussed the committee's membership arrangements following concerns that having one Independent Member may restrict its ability to carry out its functions if the Independent Member was unable to attend.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the current Terms of Reference of the GMCA Standards Committee be noted.
2. That an additional Independent Member be sought, and the terms of reference amended accordingly.

GMSC/05/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED/-

There were no declarations of interest.

**GMSC/06/21 MINUTES OF THE GMCA STANDARDS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2020**

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the GMCA Standards Committee meeting held on 19 November 2020 be approved.

GMSC/07/21 LGA MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

Liz Treacy, GMCA Monitoring Officer, took members through a report which updated Members on the publication of the Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct for Members.

Particular recommendations were brought to Members' attention, including the section that clarified when the Code would apply, the additional section on respect, and the procedure for declaring gifts and complying with sanctions. Members were informed that two local authorities within Greater Manchester had adopted the LGA's Model Code of Conduct and that the GMCA would follow the approach of the majority of the districts within the conurbation. The eight other districts had accepted the previous iteration of the LGA's Code of Conduct.

Members awaited the government's response to the Committee on Standards in Public Life's report and recommendations and agreed to review the Model Code of Conduct at a future meeting.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the report be noted.
2. That consideration and recommendations regarding adoption of the LGA model code be deferred pending the receipt of central government's response to the Committee on Standards in Public Life recommendations and any legislative changes.

GMSC/08/21 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nicola Ward, Senior Governance and Scrutiny Officer, took members through a report which set out the details of the current processes within the GMCA to publish declarations of interest in line with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

RESOLVED/-

That it be noted that the current processes by which declarations of interest are received, noted and published as described in the report are compliant with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

**GMSC/09/21 GMCA STANDARDS COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME
2021 - 22**

RESOLVED/-

That it be agreed that items for the forthcoming meeting would be decided by the Governance & Scrutiny Officer, taking into consideration the date at which items were last reviewed.