

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GROUP AGENDA

## Tuesday, 11th August 2020 at 2.00pm

In accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, this meeting will be held via Zoom and by the Council's YouTube channel – Braintree District Council Committees.

Members of the public will be able to view and listen to this meeting via YouTube.

To access the meeting please use the link below:

<a href="http://www.braintree.gov.uk/youtube">http://www.braintree.gov.uk/youtube</a>

Members of the Corporate Governance Group are requested to attend this meeting to transact the business set out in the Agenda.

#### Membership:-

Councillor P Euesden Councillor R van Dulken (Chairman)

Councillor D Hume Councillor D Wallace
Councillor H Johnson (Vice Chairman) Councillor T Walsh

Councillor D Mann Councillor Mrs L Walters

Councillor Miss V Santomauro

Members unable to attend the meeting are requested to forward their apologies for absence to the Governance and Members Team on 01376 552525 or email <a href="mailto:governance@braintree.gov.uk">governance@braintree.gov.uk</a> by 3pm on the day of the meeting.

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#### **INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS - DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI), Other Pecuniary Interest (OPI) or Non- Pecuniary Interest (NPI)

Any member with a DPI, OPI or NPI must declare the nature of their interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct. Members must not participate in any discussion of the matter in which they have declared a DPI or OPI or participate in any vote, or further vote, taken on the matter at the meeting. In addition, the Member must withdraw from the Chamber where the meeting considering the business is being held unless the Member has received a dispensation from the Monitoring Officer.

#### **Question Time**

In response to the Coronavirus the Council has implemented new procedures for public question time.

The Agenda allows for a period of up to 30 minutes for public question time.

Participation will be via the submission of a written question or statement which will be read out by the Chairman or an Officer during the meeting. All written questions or statements should be concise and should be able to be read within 3 minutes allotted for each question/statement.

Members of the public wishing to participate are requested to register by contacting the Governance and Members Team on 01376 552525 or email <a href="mailto:governance@braintree.gov.uk">governance@braintree.gov.uk</a> by midday on the working day before the day of the Committee meeting. For example, if the Committee meeting is due to be held on a Tuesday, the registration deadline is midday on Monday, (where there is a bank holiday Monday you will need to register by midday on the previous Friday).

The Council reserves the right to decline any requests to register if they are received after the registration deadline.

Registered participants must submit their written questions/statements no later than 9am on the day of the meeting by emailing them to <a href="mailto:governance@braintree.gov.uk">governance@braintree.gov.uk</a>

Questions/statements received by the Council will be published on the Council's website. The Council reserves the right to remove any defamatory comment in the submitted questions/statements.

#### **Documents**

Agendas, reports and Minutes for all the Council's public meetings can be accessed via <a href="https://www.braintree.gov.uk">www.braintree.gov.uk</a>

We welcome comments from members of the public to make our services as efficient and effective as possible. If you have any suggestions regarding the meeting you have attended, you can send these via <a href="mailto:governance@braintree.gov.uk">governance@braintree.gov.uk</a>

### **Data Processing**

During the meeting the Council will be collecting performance data of participants' connectivity to the meeting. This will be used for reviewing the functionality of Ms Teams and YouTube as the Council's platform for virtual meetings and for monitoring compliance with the legal framework for Council meetings. Anonymised performance data may be shared with third parties.

For further information on how the Council processes data, please see the Council's Privacy Policy.

https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200136/access\_to\_information/376/privacy\_policy

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

#### 1 Apologies for Absence

#### 2 Declarations of Interest

To declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, other Pecuniary Interest or Non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda having regard to the Code of Conduct for Members and having taken appropriate advice where necessary before the meeting.

#### 3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Governance Group held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 (copy previously circulated).

#### 4 Public Question Time

(See paragraph above)

# 5 Local Government Association Draft Model Code of Conduct - Consultation response

(Report to follow)

# 6 Code of Conduct Complaint Procedure

(Report to follow)