

**Medway Council**  
**Meeting of Councillor Conduct Committee**  
**Wednesday, 11 December 2024**  
**6.00pm to 6.03pm**

**Record of the meeting**

**Subject to approval as an accurate record at the next meeting of this committee**

**Present:** Councillors: Brake, Gurung, McDonald, Peake, Pearce and Louwella Prenter

**Substitutes:** Councillors:  
Etheridge (Substitute for Tejan)  
Fearn (Substitute for Kemp)

**In Attendance:** Wayne Hemingway, Head of Democratic Services

**524 Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson**

Councillor McDonald was elected Chairperson for the remainder of the municipal year.

Councillor Howcroft-Scott was elected Vice-Chairperson for the remainder of municipal year.

**525 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Howcroft-Scott, Kemp and Tejan.

**526 Record of meeting**

The record of the meeting held on 10 July 2024 was agreed by the Committee and signed by the Chairperson as correct.

**527 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances**

There were none.

**528 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests**

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

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### Other significant interests (OSIs)

There were none.

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There were none.

## 529 Review of Ethical Framework - Update

### **Discussion:**

The Head of Democratic Services introduced the report which updated the Committee on the review of the Council's ethical framework. At its meeting in February 2024 the Committee had agreed that a review be undertaken and that an informal member working group be set up to undertake the review. However, following a recent announcement by the Deputy Prime Minister that there would be a review of the standard regime for elected members it was sensible to instead pause the review until further information and detail was available from the national review. Group Leaders were supportive of this action and Members would be updated in due course.

In response to a question, assurance was provided that information relating to the review would be circulated to all Members, not just those of the Councillor Conduct Committee.

### **Decision:**

The Committee noted the report and agreed that the review of the Council's ethical framework be paused whilst the Government undertakes a review of the standard regime for elected Members.

### **Chairperson**

**Date:**

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