



AUDIT COMMITTEE

Notice of a Meeting, to be held as a Virtual Meeting on Microsoft Teams in accordance with Regulation 5 of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 on **Tuesday, 29th September, 2020 at 5.00 p.m.**

The Members of the Audit Committee are:-

Councillor Krause (Chairman)
Councillor Buchanan (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs. Hayward, Mulholland, Shorter, Smith, Suddards and Walder

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS VIRTUAL MEETING:-

Please note the public cannot physically “attend” a Virtual Meeting. However any member of the press and public may listen-in to proceedings at this ‘virtual’ meeting via a weblink which will be publicised on the Council’s website at www.ashford.gov.uk at least 24 hours before the meeting. Members of the press and public may tweet, blog etc. during the live broadcast as they would be able to during a regular Cabinet meeting at the Civic Centre. It is important, however, that Councillors can discuss and take decisions without disruption, so the only participants in this Virtual Meeting will be the Councillors concerned, the Officers advising the Cabinet, and the Officers designated to address the Cabinet on behalf of any members of the public who have registered in advance to ‘speak’ on the items to be considered. This will take the place of the usual procedure for public speaking at the Cabinet’s regular meetings at the Civic Centre. In order to register for this, written notice must be given on the Council’s website at <https://www.ashford.gov.uk/councillors-meetingsandelections/councillorsandmeetings/public-participation/application-to-speak-at-a-public-meeting/> or by email to membersservices@ashford.gov.uk by 10am on the Monday before the meeting.

Summary of the Scheme of Public Participation for Virtual Meetings (referred to as “VMs”)

The public cannot physically “attend” a VM.

H.M. Government has recently changed the public’s legal right to attend meetings into a right to hear, by means of technology, the Councillors attending the VM remotely.

Written notice of a wish to speak (by means of the procedure below) at a VM must be given, either to membersservices@ashford.gov.uk or on the Council’s website at <https://www.ashford.gov.uk/councillors->

[meetingsandelections/councillorsandmeetings/public-participation/application-to-speak-at-a-public-meeting/](#) by 10:00 hours on the Monday before the VM – i.e. 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 28th September, 2020.

Those registered to speak must submit to membersservices@ashford.gov.uk by 10:00 hours on the day of the VM, a copy of their speech in written, legible English. It should be no longer than 400 words, on a single side of A4 paper, printed in 12-point non-italic sans-serif font (e.g. Arial). Any text above 400 words will not be read out.

Speeches received as above will be read to the VM by a competent Officer for and on behalf of the speakers, at the normal times and in the normal order during the VM (subject to the Chairman's normal discretion).

IMPORTANT:

An Officer reading any speech on behalf of any speaker shall have discretion to omit/edit out any inappropriate language, information or statements. If any defamation, insult, personal or confidential information, etc. is contained in any speech received from any speaker, and/or is read to the VM by an Officer, each speaker accepts by submitting their speech to be fully responsible for all consequences thereof and to indemnify the Officer and the Council accordingly.

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