Constitution and Standards Committee Friday 7 July 2017 11.00 am Luttrell Room - County Hall, Taunton



To: The Members of the Constitution and Standards Committee

County Councillors: Cllr N Taylor (Chairman), Cllr S Coles, Cllr H Davies, Cllr M Dimery, Cllr D Loveridge.

Co-opted members (non-voting: Mrs Vicky Chapman, Mr Robin Horton, Mrs Janice Middleton, Dr Tim Ward and Mr Wesley Wooding.

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AGENDA

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* Public Guidance notes contained in agenda annexe *

1 Apologies for absence

2 Declarations of Interest

See section 5 of the Guidance Notes on page 4.

3 **Public Question Time**

The Chairman will allow members of the public to present a petition on any matter within the Committee's remit or ask questions or statements or a written question about any matter on the agenda for this meeting. See Section 3 of the Guidance Notes on page 4.

4 Constitution and Standards Committee - Terms of Reference and Operating Arrangements (Pages 5 - 8)

To consider and note the attached report by the Monitoring Officer.

5 Appointment of Honorary Alderman (Pages 9 - 12)

To consider the attached report and recommendations from the Monitoring Officer proposing that the Council adopts a policy providing for the appointment of Honorary Aldermen.

6 Annual Review of the Constitution (Pages 13 - 102)

To consider the attached report and recommendations from the Monitoring Officer proposing amendments required to the Constitution following decisions of the Council and the Leader in May 2017.

7 Dates of future meetings

To consider and agree a programme of meeting dates for 2017/18. Please note that the next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Friday, 6th October 2017.