Standards Committee Friday 17 March 2017 10.00 am Luttrell Room - County Hall, Taunton



To: The Members of the Standards Committee

Cllr A Gloak (Chairman), Cllr A Dimmick, Cllr J Edney, Cllr D Loveridge, Vicky Chapman, Robin Horton, Janice Middleton, Tim Ward and 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

Details of all Members' interests in District, Town and Parish Councils will be displayed in the meeting room. The Statutory Register of Member's Interests can be inspected via the Community Governance team.

3 **Minutes from the previous meeting** (Pages 5 - 8)

The Committee is asked to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2016 are an accurate record.

4 Public Question Time

The Chairman will allow members of the public to ask a question or make a statement about any matter on the agenda for this meeting. These questions may be taken during the meeting, when the relevant agenda item is considered, at the Chairman's discretion.

5 **Report of the Monitoring Officer** (Pages 9 - 62)

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer, covering the following items:

1. A review of the Council's Standards arrangements, as discussed initially at the last meeting of the Committee in October 2016.

- 2. Review of the recent Hearing Panel process
- 3. Conduct issues: Member induction and training proposals for the new Council.

4. Verbal update on complaints dealt with since the last meeting of the Committee.

6 Any other urgent items of business

The Chairman may raise any items of urgent business.