

Standards Committee

Thursday 2 February 2023

10.00 am Luttrell Room - County Hall, Taunton



To: The Members of the Standards Committee

Cllr J Bailey (Chair), Cllr N Cavill, Cllr H Davies, Cllr M Dimery, Alan Hemsley, Paul Hooper, Robin Horton, Cllr B Smedley and David Stripp

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AGENDA

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1 **Appointment of Chair for this meeting**

****Public guidance notes contained in agenda annexe****

2 **Apologies for Absence**

To receive members apologies

3 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Standards Committee held on 8 December 2022** (Pages 7 - 10)

To note the minutes of the previous meeting of the Standards Committee, circulated within the agenda.

4 **Declarations of Interest**

Details of all Members' interests in District, Town and Parish Councils can be viewed on the [Council Website](#)

The Statutory Register of Member's Interests can be inspected via request to the Democratic Service Team. Any new or updated declarations of interest will be received.

5 **Public Question Time**

The Chair 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 Chair's discretion.**

6 **Proposed dispensation to all members to enable them to participate and vote in Council budget meeting** (Pages 11 - 14)

7 **Gifts and Hospitality** (Pages 15 - 18)

8 **Annual Report of the Standards Committee** (Pages 19 - 22)

9 **Standards Committee and Hearing Panel Terms of Reference - Report To Follow**

10 **Complaints regarding Councillors Procedure - Report To Follow**

11 **Update from the Priority Groups**