

Standards Committee

Thursday 10 November 2022

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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Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Monitoring Officer and Strategic Manager - Governance and Democratic Services – 2 November 2022

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AGENDA

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1 Apologies for Absence

To receive members apologies.

2 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.

3 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.**

4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Standards Committee (Pages 9 - 12)

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

5 Priority One Update

The Chair will give a verbal update on work for Priority One.

6 Annual report on standards of conduct 2021/22 (Pages 13 - 14)

To consider the report.

7 Agenda Item 7

- (a) Somerset Councillor and Town and Parish Councils Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure (Pages 15 - 22)

To consider the report.

- (b) Proposed appointment of Reserve Independent Person for Somerset County Council and recruitment of Independent Persons for Somerset Council (Pages 23 - 28)

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To consider the report.

8 **SALC Update on Town and Parish Councils Codes of Conduct**

To receive a presentation from Justin Robinson from Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC).

9 **Work Programme 2022/23**

To discuss items for the Work Programme 2022/23.

10 **Action Plan**

To agree any action points from the meeting.