



Notice of Meeting of

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 28 June 2023 at 2.00 pm

Luttrell Room - County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY

To: The members of the Standards Committee

Chair: Councillor John Bailey
Vice-chair: Councillor Brian Smedley

Councillor Hugh Davies	Councillor Martin Dimery
Councillor Frances Nicholson	Robin Horton
Alan Hemsley	Paul Hooper
David Stripp	

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This meeting will be open to the public and press, subject to the passing of any resolution under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A: Access to Information.

The meeting will be webcast and an audio recording made.

Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Tuesday, 20 June 2023

AGENDA

Standards Committee - 2.00 pm Wednesday, 28 June 2023

Public Guidance Notes contained in Agenda Annexe (Pages 5 - 6)

Click here to join the online meeting (Pages 7 - 8)

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 14)

To approve the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 19 April 2023.

3 Declarations of Interest (Pages 15 - 16)

To receive and note any declarations of disclosable pecuniary, other registerable interests or non-registerable interests in respect of any matters included on the agenda for consideration at this meeting.

4 Public Question Time

The Chair to advise the Committee of any items on which members of the public have requested to speak and advise those members of the public present of the details of the Council's public participation scheme.

For those members of the public who have submitted any questions or statements, please note, a three minute time limit applies to each speaker and you will be asked to speak before Councillors debate the issue.

We are now live webcasting most of our committee meetings and you are welcome to view and listen to the discussion. The link to each webcast will be available on the meeting webpage, please see details under 'click here to join online meeting'.

5 Priority Group 1 - Code of Conduct Complaints Process and Media Plan (Pages 17 - 92)

To receive an update on the work of the Priority Group 1 which had been looking at the Code of Conduct complaints process and the media plan.

6 Priority Group 1 - Committee & Sub-Committee Composition (Pages 93 - 98)

To receive an update report on the work of Priority Group 1 who looked at the composition of the Committee and Hearing Sub-Committees.

7 Priority Groups 2 & 3 - Model Code of Conduct Adoption by City, Town & Parish Councils and Review of Officer Code of Conduct (Pages 99 - 110)

To receive an update on the work of the Priority Groups 2 & 3 which had been looking at the Codes of Conduct for both members and officers.

8 Future Business

To consider the Committee's work programme.

9 Code of Conduct Complaints Update (Pages 111 - 114)

To receive an update on the number of Code of Conduct complaints received since the creation of the new Somerset Council.