



Notice of Meeting of

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 30 August 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	
Alan Hemsley	Paul Hooper
Robin Horton	David Stripp

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The meeting will be webcast and a recording made.

Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Monday, 21 August 2023

AGENDA

Standards Committee - 2.00 pm Wednesday, 30 August 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 from the previous meeting.

3 Declarations of Interest

To receive and note any declarations of interests in respect of any matters included on the agenda for consideration at this meeting.

(The other registrable interests of Councillors of Somerset Council, arising from membership of City, Town or Parish Councils and other Local Authorities will automatically be recorded in the minutes: [City, Town & Parish Twin Hatters - Somerset Councillors 2023](#))

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 Register of Gifts and Hospitality (Pages 15 - 20)

To receive details of the gifts and hospitality received during the period December 2022 to July 2023 and to consider a request from the Constitution and Governance Committee to review the level for which Gifts and Hospitality are recorded.

6 Work Programme and Action Plan (Pages 21 - 26)

To consider and review the Committee's Work Programme and Action Plan.