



Notice of Meeting of

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, 25 October 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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Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Tuesday, 17 October 2023

# **AGENDA**

**Standards Committee - 2.00 pm Wednesday, 25 October 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 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](#) )

## **3 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.

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## **4 Action Sheet and Minutes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 16)**

To consider the action sheet and to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

**5 Review of Gifts and Hospitality (Pages 17 - 26)**

To review the level at which gifts and hospitality need to be declared by members.

**6 Code of Conduct Complaints (Pages 27 - 32)**

To receive an update on the number of Code of Conduct complaints received.

**7 Code of Conduct Adoption - City, Town and Parish Councils (Pages 33 - 36)**

To receive an update following the conclusion of a survey upon the adoption of the Model Code of Conduct by city, Town and parish councils in Somerset.

**8 Work Programme and Actions (Pages 37 - 40)**

To consider the Committee's Work Programme and to identify any actions arising from the meeting.