



## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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| <b>DATE:</b>  | <b>Monday, 22 January 2018</b>   |
| <b>TIME:</b>  | <b>10.00 am</b>  |
| <b>VENUE:</b> | <b>Council Chamber, Council Offices,<br/>Thorpe Road, Weeley, CO16 9AJ</b> |

### MEMBERSHIP:

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| <b>Councillor Heaney (Chairman)</b>         | <b>Councillor Bucke</b>    |
| <b>Councillor Honeywood (Vice-Chairman)</b> | <b>Councillor Nicholls</b> |
| <b>Councillor Bray</b>                      | <b>Councillor Steady</b>   |
| <b>Councillor J Brown</b>                   |                            |

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## AGENDA

### 1 **Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

The Committee is asked to note any apologies for absence and substitutions received from Members.

### 2 **Minutes of the Last Meeting (Pages 1 - 10)**

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on 27 September 2017.

### 3 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors are invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other interest, and the nature of it, in relation to any item on the Agenda.

### 4 **Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.1 - Failure to Comply with the Members' Code of Conduct - District Councillor (Pages 11 - 40)**

In accordance with the District Council's Complaints Procedure, the Monitoring Officer is required to report the outcome of an investigation to the Standards Committee, where an informal resolution has been reached, in consultation with the Council's Independent Person without the need for a hearing.

### 5 **Case Review**

The Monitoring Officer will give a presentation to the Committee on this matter.

### 6 **Discussion Topics and/or Updates from the Monitoring Officer**

(1) The Monitoring Officer will give a quarterly update on Complaints.

(2) Lack of Sanctions

Two Local Authorities have recently agreed to lobby the Government on the lack of sanctions which Councils have been left with since the introduction of the Localism Act. Tendring District Council recently referred to the lack of sanctions in the consultation document from the DCLG on criminal orders and the eligibility to stand or remain as a Councillor. However, the Committee requested that this item be brought back to this meeting for further consideration.

**Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting**

*The next scheduled meeting of the Standards Committee is to be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Thorpe Road, Weeley, CO16 9AJ at 10.00 am on Monday, 19 March 2018.*

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