



## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Monday, 19 March 2018  
**TIME:** 10.00 am  
**VENUE:** Council Chamber, Council Offices,  
Thorpe Road, Weeley, CO16 9AJ

### MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Heaney (Chairman)	Councillor Bucke
Councillor Honeywood (Vice-Chairman)	Councillor Nicholls
Councillor Bray	Councillor Steady
Councillor J Brown	

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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 - 6)**

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on Monday 22 January 2018.

**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 - Mandatory Training for Members - Annual Update (Pages 7 - 18)**

To update the Standards Committee, as part of its agreed work programme, on the current position of mandatory training for Members (and named substitute members) of the Council's Audit, Licensing & Registration, Planning and Standards Committees.

**5 Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.2 - Annual Report on Declarations of Interest and Associated Matters (Pages 19 - 22)**

To present the Committee with an overview on the register of, and declarations of, interests made by Members from 11 March 2017.

**6 Review of Local Government Ethical Standards by the Committee on Standards in Public Life**

The Committee is invited to consider submitting a response to the stakeholder consultation by the Committee on Standards in Public Life on its review of local government ethical standards. The review is considering all levels of local government and its terms of reference are to:

- examine the structures, processes and practices in local government in England for:
  - maintaining codes of conduct for local councillors
  - investigating alleged breaches fairly and with due process
  - enforcing codes and imposing sanctions for misconduct
  - declaring interests and managing conflicts of interest
  - whistleblowing.
- assess whether the existing structures, processes and practices are conducive to high standards of conduct in local government.
- make any recommendations for how they can be improved.
- note any evidence of intimidation of councillors, and make recommendations for any measures that could be put in place to prevent and address such intimidation.

The consultation closes on 18 May 2018.

A copy of the consultation document is accessible through the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-ethical-standards-stakeholder-consultation>

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

- (1) The Monitoring Officer will give a quarterly update on Complaints.
- (2) The Committee's Work Programme for 2018/2019

The Committee is invited to give consideration to its work programme for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year.

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