



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Wednesday, 2 October 2019
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber - Council Offices, Thorpe Road, Weeley, CO16 9AJ

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Land (Chairman)	Councillor Overton
Councillor Amos (Vice-Chairman)	Councillor Steady
Councillor Harris	Councillor Wiggins
Councillor J Henderson	

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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 - 4)

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on Wednesday 3 July 2019.

3 Declarations of Interest

Councillors are invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Personal Interest, and the nature of it, in relation to any item on the agenda.

4 Questions on Notice pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 38

Subject to providing two working days' notice, a Member of the Committee may ask the Chairman of the Committee a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties which affect the Tendring District **and** which falls within the terms of reference of the Committee.

5 Report of Head of Democratic Services & Elections - A.1 - Councillor Development Statement (Pages 5 - 22)

To ensure that the Committee is aware of the development of the Statement, has the opportunity to input into the Statement and can be re-assured that within the overall ambit of good governance at the Council the need to support the development of Councillors in their roles is being given further recognition through the development of the Statement.

6 Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.2 - "The Local Government Ethical Standards Report dated January 2019 following a review by the Committee on Standards in Public Life" (Pages 23 - 34)

Further to Minute 7 of the meeting of the Committee held on 3 July 2019, Members will consider a breakdown of:-

- (1) which of the CSPL's recommendations required changes in legislation;
- (2) which of the CSPL's 'good practice' recommendations could be adopted and implemented straight away by local authorities; and
- (3) which of the 'good practice' recommendations referred to in (2) above this Council has already implemented.

7 Review of the Council's Complaints Procedure (Pages 35 - 50)

The Committee will review the Council's Complaints Procedure in order to determine whether it is still 'fit for purpose'.

8 Case Review and Guidance Update

The Monitoring Officer will update the Committee on decisions and actions taken nationally in relation to standards cases and/or guidance.

9 Quarterly Update on Complaints

The Monitoring Officer will give an update on existing cases together with general details of new cases, if any.

Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Standards Committee is to be held in the Council Offices, Thorpe Road, Weeley, CO16 9AJ at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 29 January 2020.

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