



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Wednesday, 5 February 2025
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Committee Room, Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Wiggins (Chairman)	Councillor Land
Councillor Oxley (Vice-Chairman)	Councillor Newton
Councillor Alexander	Councillor Talbot
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 5 - 14)

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on Thursday, 24 October 2024.

3 Declarations of Interest

Councillors are invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Interests of Non-Registerable Interests, 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 the Monitoring Officer - A.1 - Planning Probity Protocol - Results of Consultation and Revised Planning Probity Protocol (Pages 15 - 28)

This report is submitted to the Committee to enable it to consider the Planning Probity Protocol following consultation with the members of the Planning Committee, the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning, Planning Officers and the Independent Persons. The report also sets out the outcome of the consultation and a revised Planning Probity Protocol for approval and recommendation to Full Council for its adoption.

6 Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.2 - Government Consultation on Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework (Pages 29 - 48)

For the Standards Committee to determine whether to respond to the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government ("the government's") consultation on the Standards and Conduct framework, on behalf of Tendring District Council.

7 Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.3 - Standards Committee - Review of Standards Hearing Procedure (Pages 49 - 60)

To present the Standards Committee with a report on the opportunity to reflect on the internal consultation recently undertaken on the Standards Hearing Procedure and to endorse further work from Officers on reviewing the associated Complaints Procedure and production of a flow chart to assist once a matter is referred for hearing.

8 Complaints Update (Pages 61 - 62)

The Committee will receive the Monitoring Officer's update regarding standards complaints.

Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Standards Committee is to be held in the Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 9 April 2025.

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