



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Wednesday, 24 April 2024
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Essex Hall - Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Talbot (Chairman)	Councillor Land
Councillor Wiggins (Vice-Chairman)	Councillor Newton
Councillor Ferguson	Councillor Oxley
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 - 12)

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on Wednesday 20 March 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 - Annual Report on Declarations of Interest and Associated Matters (Pages 13 - 20)

To present the Committee with an overview on the register of, and declarations of, interests made by Members from 1 January 2023 until 31 March 2024.

6 Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.2 - Members' Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure - Hearing Procedure (Pages 21 - 30)

To present the Standards Committee with a proposed updated Hearing Procedure, reflecting best practice and case law, for consideration for approval supplementing the Council's Complaints Procedure dealing with allegations that a Member has breached the Code of Conduct.

7 Draft Committee Work Plan for 2024/2025 (Pages 31 - 32)

The Committee is invited to give consideration to its draft Work Plan for the 2024/2025 Municipal Year.

8 Complaints Update (Pages 33 - 34)

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 Committee Room - Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE at 10.00 am on Thursday, 16 May 2024.

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