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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, 24 October 2024

TIME: 10.00 am

VENUE: Committee Room, Town Hall, Station

Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Wiggins (Chairman)
Councillor Oxley (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Alexander
Councillor J Henderson

Councillor Land Councillor Newton Councillor Talbot AGENDA

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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 7 - 56)

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on Thursday 16 May 2024.

3 <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

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

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5 Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.1 - Independent Persons Recruitment (Pages 57 - 100)

To enable the Committee to comment on Independent Persons' recruitment pack prior to advertisement and to determine the representatives of the Standards Committee on the interview panel.

Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.2 - Review of Tendring District Council's Members' Planning Code & Protocol (Pages 101 - 124)

To enable the Committee to consider the results of the review of the Planning Protocol carried out by the Monitoring Officer and her Team.

To seek the Committee's approval that members of the Planning Committee, the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning, Planning Officers and the Independent Persons be consulted on the draft revised Planning Probity Protocol.

7 Report of the Head of Democratic Services & Elections - A.3 - Town & Parish Councils' Standards Sub-Committee - Appointment of Tendring District Council Members (Pages 125 - 126)

To enable the Committee to appoint Tendring District Council's members to serve on the Town and Parish Councils' Standards Sub-Committee for the remainder of the 2024/2025 Municipal Year.

8 Revised Work Plan 2024/25 (Pages 127 - 128)

To enable the Committee to give further consideration to its Work Plan for the 2024/25 Municipal Year. The work plan has been revised to reflect the impact of the cancellation (due to the Parliamentary General Election) of the meeting of the Committee that should have taken place in July 2024.

9 <u>Complaints Update</u> (Pages 129 - 130)

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, 5 February 2025.

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