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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, 9 July 2025

TIME: 10.00 am

VENUE: Committee Room, Town Hall, Station

Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor J Henderson (Chairman)
Councillor Talbot (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Alexander
Councillor Casey

Councillor Codling Councillor Doyle Councillor Land 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 5 - 14)

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on Wednesday, 9 April 2025.

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

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 - Review of Tendring District Council's Members' Licensing Guidance for Councillors and Officers (Pages 15 - 42)

To enable the Committee to consider the outcome of the review of the Licensing Guidance for Councillors and Officers carried out by the Monitoring Officer and her team.

To seek the Committee's approval that members of the Licensing and Registration Committee, the Portfolio Holder for Assets and Community Safety, Officers responsible for licensing services in the Governance and the Environment & Housing Directorates and the Independent Persons be consulted on the draft revised Licensing and Registration Probity Protocol.

Report of the Corporate Director (Law & Governance) & the Monitoring Officer - A.2 - Members' Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure Review (Pages 43 - 74)

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

7 Complaints Update and National Policy Changes (Pages 75 - 76)

The Committee will receive the Monitoring Officer's update regarding standards complaints and an update to the National Policy changes.

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, 8 October 2025.

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