



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Wednesday, 22 April 2026
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	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 S Honeywood
Councillor Wiggins

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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 - 14)

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on Wednesday 11 March 2026.

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 Town and Parish Councils Standards Sub-Committee (Pages 15 - 20)

The Committee will formally receive and note, for its information only, the minutes of the meeting of the Town and Parish Councils Standards Sub-Committee held on Thursday 12 February 2026.

6 Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.1 - Annual Report on Declarations of Interest and associated matters (Pages 21 - 28)

To present the Committee with an overview on the register of, and declarations of, interests made by Members from 1 April 2025 until 31 March 2026.

7 Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.2 - Review of the Members' Gifts and Hospitality Policy (Pages 29 - 42)

To present the Committee with a review of the Members' Gifts and Hospitality Policy conducted by Officers for the Committee's comment and suggestions along with subsequent approval of the review and any associated amendments.

8 Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.3 - Review of Social Media Guidance for Members (Pages 43 - 56)

To present the Committee with the outcome of a review of the Social Media Guidance for Members conducted by Officers for the Committee's comments and suggestions along with subsequent approval of the draft, following any associated adjustments.

9 Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.4 - Standards Committee Work Programme 2026/27 (Pages 57 - 62)

To present for approval the Standards Committee's proposed work programme covering the period April 2026 to March 2027.

10 Update by the Monitoring Officer covering Complaints and National Policy Changes
(Pages 63 - 64)

The Committee will receive the Monitoring Officer's update regarding standards complaints and an update on national policy changes, as necessary.

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, 15 July 2026.

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