



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Monday, 27 March 2017
TIME:	10.00 am
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Council Offices, Thorpe Road, Weeley, CO16 9AJ

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Heaney (Chairman)	Councillor Steady
Councillor Honeywood (Vice-Chairman)	Councillor Whitmore
Councillor J Brown	
Councillor Cawthron	
Councillor Nicholls	

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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 Meeting of the Standards Committee held on 26 September 2016 (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on 26 September 2016.

3 Declarations of Interest

Councillors are invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other interest, and the nature of it, in relation to any item on the Agenda.

4 Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.1 - Complaints Procedure - Reference back from full Council (Pages 7 - 8)

At the request of full Council, to reconsider the Standards Committee's previous recommendation to amend the Complaints Procedure.

5 Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.2 - Review of Monitoring Officer Protocol (Pages 9 - 12)

The Committee is requested to review the Monitoring Officer Protocol and suggest any proposed amendments to that Protocol for consideration by full Council.

6 Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.3 - Disclosure of Information - Non-Payment of Council Tax by Councillors (Pages 13 - 16)

For the Standards Committee to discuss whether it agrees to add the matter of processes and procedures involving Councillors and the payment of Council Tax to its work programme or that a guidance note is issued for Members following on from case-law, concerning the public interest and fairness in disclosing information of non-payment of council tax by councillors.

7 Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.4 - Annual Report Declarations of Interest and Associated Matters (Pages 17 - 20)

To present the Committee with an overview on the register of, and declarations of, interests by Members from 1st August 2016.

8 Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.5 - Standards Committee - Annual Work Programme (Pages 21 - 24)

To agree a work programme for 2017/18.

9 Discussion Topics and/or Updates from the Monitoring Officer

The Monitoring Officer will give a quarterly update on Complaints.

10 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Committee is asked to approve the following resolution:

“That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 11 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A, as amended, of the Act.”

11 Exempt Minute of the Last Meeting held on 26 September 2016 (Pages 25 - 26)

To confirm and sign the exempt minute of the last meeting of the Committee held on 26 September 2016.

Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Standards Committee is to be held in the at Time Not Specified on Date Not Specified.

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