



To: All Members of the Standards Committee

Mr P Moore	(Chairman)
Councillor Mrs L Agnew	(Parish Councillor)
Councillor Mr L Fryer	(Parish Councillor)
Mrs E Morris	(Independent Member)
Councillor Mr S Parker	(Borough Councillor)
Councillor Mr D Putty	(Borough Councillor)
Councillor Mrs J Slimin	(Parish Councillor)
Councillor Mr M Westbrook	(Borough Councillor)

Dear Councillor

Standards Committee Monday, 12 February 2018

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Standards Committee on:

Date: Monday, 12 February 2018
Time: 6.30 pm
Place: Committee Rooms 1 & 2 - Deanes

Yours sincerely

Melbourne Barrett
Chief Executive

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AGENDA FOR THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Members are encouraged to obtain any points of clarification on the reports on the Agenda in advance of the meeting.

Members of the public will be invited to speak at the relevant item

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

To appoint a Vice-Chairman to the Standards Committee for the 2017/18 municipal year.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. URGENT MATTERS

To consider any items of business, other than those shown on this agenda and which, by reason of special circumstances to be stated at the meeting, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD NOVEMBER 2016 5 - 6

The Chair will move that the minutes of the meeting be signed as a correct record. The only part of the minutes that can be discussed is their accuracy.

6. ADVICE GUIDANCE AND TRAINING ON THE CODE OF CONDUCT 7 - 10

Contact Officer: Marie Rosenthal

This report asks the committee to consider advice, guidance and training on the code of conduct.

7. MEMBER COMPLAINTS 2017/18 11 - 14

Contact Officer: Marie Rosenthal

This report provides an update on the handling of complaints against Councillors by the Committee so as to keep the Committee informed of issues of probity in the Council.

8. **REVISED EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURE RULES FOR SENIOR STATUTORY OFFICERS - ROLE OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS** 15 - 20
- Contact Officer: Marie Rosenthal
- New rules are being adopted by the Council, which will require the Independent Persons appointed under the Localism Act to support the Standards Committee to take on additional responsibilities. This Report explains these new roles.
9. **CALL FOR EVIDENCE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE (CSPL)**
- Contact Officer: Marie Rosenthal
- The committee will receive a verbal update on the call for evidence from the CSPL as part of its review into local government ethical standards.
10. **ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17** 21 - 26
- Contact Officer: Marie Rosenthal
- The committee is asked to note the draft annual report set out at appendix 1
11. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2018/19** 27 - 32
- Contact Officer: Marie Rosenthal
- This report asks the committee to review its terms of reference and agree its work priorities for the coming year and note the scheduled meetings in the Council diary for 2018/19.
12. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**
- To consider whether, in view of the nature of the remaining items on the agenda, any of them are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt or confidential information within the terms of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972
13. **CONFIDENTIAL / EXEMPT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**