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Standards Committee

agenda

Date:	Thursday 3 October 2024
Time:	7.00 pm
Place:	Council Chamber Council Offices Kiln Road Thundersley
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The following Members are summoned to attend this meeting:-

Chair: Cllr A Edwards

Cllr T Copsey
Cllr M Fuller
Cllr P Greig
Cllr J Knott

Cllr R Lillis
Cllr N Pachy
Cllr D Silk
Cllr G Watson

Terms of Reference

- (a) Promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Councillors and co-opted Members of the Council.
- (b) Advising and assisting Parish/Town Council(s) and Councillors to maintain high standards of conduct and to make recommendation to Parish/Town Councils on improving standards or actions following a finding of a failure by a Parish Councillor to comply with the Code of Conduct.
- (c) Advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.
- (d) Receiving reports from the Monitoring Officer and assessing the operation and effectiveness of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.
- (e) Advising, training or arranging to train Councillors and co-opted Members on matters relating to the Councillors' Code of Conduct.
- (f) Advising the Council upon the contents of, and requirements for codes/protocols/other procedures relating to standards of conduct throughout the Council.
- (g) Maintaining oversight of the Council's arrangements for dealing with complaints.
- (h) Informing Council and the Chief Executive of relevant issues arising from the determination of Code of Conduct complaints.
- (i) Granting exemptions to politically restricted posts.
- (j) To set the allowances and expenses of the Independent Person and Reserve Independent Person, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer.
- (k) To receive referrals from the Monitoring Officer into allegations of misconduct in accordance with the Council's assessment criteria.
- (l) Hearing and determining complaints about Councillors and co-opted members referred to it by the Monitoring Officer.

- (m) To grant dispensations after consultation with the Independent Person pursuant to S33(2) (b), (c) and (e) of the Localism Act 2011.
- (n) Hear and determine appeals against refusal to grant dispensations by the Monitoring Officer pursuant to S33(2)(a) and (d) of the Localism Act 2011.
- (o) To consider, review and advise on arrangements for new Councillor Induction and training programmes for all Councillors.

The Council's priorities are:-

- Economy and Growth
- People
- Place
- Environment

A G E N D A

PART 1

(Business to be taken in public)

- 1 **Apologies for absence**

- 2 **To Receive Declarations of Interest**

- 3 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 June 2024**

- 4 **Summary of Complaints under the Council's Code of Conduct**

To consider the report of the Assistant Director Legal & Democratic Services summarising complaints and determinations received in relation to Members' behaviour under the Code of Conduct.

- 5 **Members' Skills Audit Task and Finish Group**

To consider the report of the Assistant Director, Legal & Democratic Services seeking agreement for a Members' Skills Audit Task and Finish Group.



Angela Hutchings
Chief Executive