

AGENDA

Meeting: Standards Committee

Place: Kennet Room - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

Date: Tuesday 2 July 2024

Time: 1.30 pm

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Part I

Items to be considered when the meeting is open to the public

1 **Apologies for Absence**

2 **Minutes (Pages 5 - 18)**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2024.

To confirm the minutes of the Standards Hearing Sub-Committee meetings held on 11 October 2023, 16 November 2023, 8 February 2024 and 15 May 2024.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

5 **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

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6 **Status Report on Code of Conduct Complaints (Pages 49 - 54)**

To note the Status Report on the current position on Code of Conduct Complaints.

7 **Changes to Protocol 11 - Arrangements for Dealing with Code of Conduct Complaints** *(Pages 55 - 126)*

8 **Constitutional Changes** *(Pages 127 - 130)*

The Committee considered the recommendations of the Constitution Focus Group.

9 **Appointment of Members to the Sub-Committees and Working Groups** *(Pages 131 - 136)*

To consider a report from the Director, Legal and Governance.

10 **Urgent Items**

Part II

Item(s) during consideration of which it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed