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Meeting: Standards Committee

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

Date: Wednesday 18 April 2018

Time: 2.00 pm

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Part 1

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

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies or substitutions for the meeting.

2 **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 24)

To confirm the minutes of the Standards Committee held on 17 January 2018.

To receive the minutes of the Standards Review Sub-Committee from the meetings held on 27 July 2017, and the meetings held on 30 January, 15 February and 23 March 2018.

3 Declarations of Interest

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

4 Chairman's Announcements

To receive any announcements through the Chair.

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further advice. Questions may be asked without notice if the Chairman decides that the matter is urgent.

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6 Appointment of Co-Opted Members

To confirm appointment of co-opted members of the Standards Committee following an interview process.

7 Status Report on Complaints (Pages 25 - 30)

A report from the Monitoring Officer is attached.

8 Constitution Focus Group: Updates and Recommendations (Pages 31 - 48)

A report from the Monitoring Officer is attached.

9 Local Government Ethical Standards: Stakeholder Consultation (Pages 49 - 52)

To agree an approach to respond to the consultation from the Committee on Standards in Public Life, which closes on 18 May 2018.

10 Urgent Items

Part II

<u>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</u>