

# AGENDA

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**Meeting:** Standards Committee

**Place:** [Access the online meeting here](#)

**Date:** Tuesday 7 July 2020

**Time:** 2.00 pm

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## Membership:

Cllr Derek Brown OBE	Cllr Paul Oatway QPM (Chairman)
Cllr Andrew Bryant	Cllr Fred Westmoreland
Cllr Ernie Clark	Cllr Stuart Wheeler
Cllr Peter Evans	Mr Richard Baxter
Cllr Peter Fuller	Mr Philip Gill MBE
Cllr Howard Greenman (Vice-Chairman)	Mr Michael Lockhart
Cllr Ruth Hopkinson	Miss Pam Turner
Cllr Bob Jones MBE	

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## Substitutes:

Cllr Richard Britton	Cllr Peter Hutton
Cllr Trevor Carbin	Cllr George Jeans
Cllr Sue Evans	Cllr Gordon King
Cllr Nick Fogg MBE	Cllr Brian Mathew
Cllr Jon Hubbard	Cllr Graham Wright
Cllr Chris Hurst	

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## Part 1

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

1 **Apologies**

To receive any apologies or substitutions for the meeting.

2 **Minutes** (*Pages 5 - 8*)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2019.

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.

5 **Public Participation**

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In accordance with Protocol 13 of the Constitution:

Statements

If you would like to provide a statement for this meeting on any item on this agenda, please submit it in writing to the officer listed above no later than 5pm on 2 July 2020.

Questions

Those wishing to ask questions are required to give notice of any such questions in writing to the officer named on the front of this agenda no later than 5pm on 30 June 2020 in order to be guaranteed of a written response. In order to receive a verbal response questions must be submitted no later than 5pm on 2 July 2020. Please contact the officer named on the front of this agenda for further advice. Questions may be asked without notice if the Chairman decides that the matter is urgent.

Details of any questions received will be circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

6 **Status Report on Code of Conduct Complaints and Covid-19 Update**  
(*Pages 9 - 14*)

To receive an update on the current status of Code of Conduct complaints, and to receive an update on administration of Code of Conduct complaints during the Covid-19 pandemic.

7 **Constitutional Changes** (Pages 15 - 68)

To receive recommendations from the Constitution Focus Group, and receive an update on urgent constitutional changes adopted during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Report 1 – Pension Fund Committee and Local Pension Board  
Report 2 – Policy Framework

8 **Local Government Association: Model Code of Conduct Consultation**  
(Pages 69 - 98)

9 **Standards Assessment Sub-Committee**

To approve the annual appointment of the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee and re-confirm the members as follows:

Cllr Richard Britton  
Cllr Ernie Clark  
Cllr Ruth Hopkinson  
Cllr Fred Westmoreland  
Cllr Stuart Wheeler

To note and endorse the election by the Sub-Committee of Cllr Ruth Hopkinson as Chairman and Cllr Ernie Clark as Vice-Chairman.

In accordance with the Constitution, all other members and substitutes of the Standards Committee remain substitutes to the Assessment Sub-Committee.

10 **Urgent Items**

To consider any other items that, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be taken as a matter of urgency.

**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*