

AGENDA

Meeting: Standards Committee

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

Date: Thursday 18 April 2024

Time: 10.30 am

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Part 1

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

1 **Apologies for Absence**

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

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2023.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

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

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements through the Chair.

5 **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

Statements

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6 **Status Report on Code of Conduct Complaints** (*Pages 9 - 16*)

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

7 **New Complaint Handling Codes from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) and Housing Ombudsman (HO)** *(Pages 17 - 84)*

An overview on the implications of the two Ombudsmen's new Complaint Handling Codes on the processes followed by the council when handling relevant complaints.

8 **Constitutional Changes** *(Pages 85 - 142)*

The Committee is asked to consider the recommendations of the Constitution Focus Group relating to:

- Part 11A – Corporate Parenting Panel
- Part 5 – Access to Information Procedure Rules
- Part 7 – Cabinet Procedure Rules
- Part 8 – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules

9 **Annual Update** *(Pages 143 - 146)*

To consider delegating authority to the Director, Legal and Governance, after consultation with the Chairman, to prepare an annual update to Full Council.

10 **Urgent Items**

Any other items which the Chairman agrees to consider 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