

## AGENDA

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**Meeting:** Standards Committee

**Place:** Council Chamber - Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham,  
SN15 1ER

**Date:** Wednesday 9 October 2013

**Time:** 2.00 pm

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### Membership:

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| Cllr Desna Allen               | Cllr Howard Marshall             |
| Cllr Allison Bucknell          | Cllr John Noeken (Vice Chairman) |
| Cllr Trevor Carbin             | Cllr Paul Oatway QPM             |
| Cllr Terry Chivers             | Cllr Horace Prickett             |
| Cllr Howard Greenman           | Cllr Ian Tomes                   |
| Cllr Julian Johnson (Chairman) | Cllr Christopher Williams        |

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### Substitutes:

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| Cllr Rosemary Brown | Cllr George Jeans  |
| Cllr Chris Caswill  | Cllr Simon Killane |
| Cllr Ernie Clark    | Cllr Sheila Parker |
| Cllr Mary Douglas   | Cllr Pip Ridout    |
| Cllr Dennis Drewett | Cllr John Walsh    |
| Cllr Russell Hawker | Cllr Roy While     |
| Cllr Chris Hurst    |                    |

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### Non-Elected Non-Voting Members:

Mr Philip Gill MBE JP  
Mr Paul Neale  
Mr John Scragg  
Miss Pam Turner

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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**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2013 (To follow)

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 and Questions**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

### Statements

If you would like to make a statement at this meeting on any item on this agenda, please register to do so **at least 10 minutes prior to the meeting**. Up to 3 speakers are permitted to speak for up to 3 minutes each on any agenda item. Please contact the officer named on the front of the agenda for any further clarification.

### Questions

To receive any questions from members of the public or members of the Council received in accordance with the constitution. Those wishing to ask questions are required to give notice of any such questions in writing to the officer named on the front of the agenda **no later than 5pm on Wednesday 02 October 2013**. 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 **Standards Hearing Sub-Committee** (*Pages 1 - 14*)

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Hearing Sub-Committee on 30 July 2013 as approved by the Sub-Committee on 03 September 2013.

7 **Review of the Effectiveness of the Code of Conduct and Complaints Procedure** (*Pages 15 - 42*)

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer.

8 **The Local Government Ombudsman's Annual Letter for the Year Ended 31 March 2013** (*Pages 43 - 64*)

To consider the annual letter of the Local Government Ombudsman dated 16 July 2013.

Also attached are pages 1-19 of the Annual Report and Accounts. The full report can be found at <http://www.lgo.org.uk/publications/annual-report/>

9 **Status Report on Complaints Under the Code of Conduct**

The Monitoring Officer will report the current status of Complaints under the Code of Conduct at the meeting.

10 **Update on Dispensations for Voting on the Council Tax and Budget**

The Monitoring Officer will provide an oral update to the Committee on the latest position.

11 **Forward Plan** (*Pages 65 - 66*)

To note the contents of the Forward Plan.

12 **Urgent Items**

Any other items of business which, 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*

None