

AGENDA

Meeting: Standards Committee

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

Date: Wednesday 20 April 2022

Time: Amended start time – 2.30pm

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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 12 January 2022 (*copy attached*).

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**

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Statements

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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** (*Pages 9 - 12*)

To note the Status Report on the current position on code of conduct Complaints

7 **LGA Model Code of Conduct Working Group Update** (*Pages 13 - 36*)

To consider the recommendations of the Working Group regarding the council's Code of Conduct for Councillors.

- 8 **Local Government Ethical Standards - Governments Response Update**
(Pages 37 - 60)

To note the update on the progression of the Committee on Standards in Public Life's (COSIPL) review of Local Government Ethical Standards.

- 9 **Constitutional Changes**

Committee to consider recommendations of the Constitution Focus Group in relation to Part 3B of the Constitution

Report to follow

- 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