

Agenda for Standards Committee

Thursday, 10th April, 2025, 10.00 am



Members of Standards Committee

Councillors: E Rylance (Chair), J Bailey, I Chubb, T Dumper, S Hughes, J Loudoun, J Whibley, Kuh, P Coulter, Wood, Goscomb, K Bryant, P Stott and Sexton

Parish Representatives: P Stott and S Sexton

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- 1 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 January 2025 (Pages 3 - 7)
- 2 Apologies: **Cllrs J Bailey and Hughes**
- 3 Declarations of interest
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- 4 Public speaking
Information on [public speaking](#) is available online
- 5 Matters of urgency
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- 6 Confidential/exempt item(s)
To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the Press) have been excluded. There are no items which officers recommend should be dealt with in this way.
- 7 **Gifts and Hospitality Protocol for Members** (Pages 8 - 15)
- 8 **Review of Member Code of Conduct** (Pages 16 - 18)
- 9 **Standards Work Programme update** (Pages 19 - 21)
- 10 **Draft Annual Report to Council** (Pages 22 - 25)

11 **Updates on Standards Cases** (Pages 26 - 27)

12 **Code of Conduct complaints update** (Pages 28 - 36)

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