

Agenda for Standards Committee

Thursday, 17th July, 2025, 10.00 am

Members of Standards Committee

Councillors: E Rylance (Chair), J Bailey, I Chubb, T Dumper, S Hughes, J Loudoun, J Whibley

Parish Representatives: P Stott and S Sexton

Independent Persons: D Kuh and P Coulter

Independent Representatives: R Wood, M Goscomb and K Bryant

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- 1 Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 3 - 7)

To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th January 2025.

- 2 Apologies

- 3 Declarations of interest

Guidance is available online to Councillors and co-opted members on making [declarations of interest](#)

- 4 Public speaking

Information on [public speaking](#) is available online

- 5 Matters of urgency

Information on [matters of urgency](#) is available online

- 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 update** (Pages 8 - 15)

- 8 **Review of Member Code of Conduct** (Pages 16 - 18)

- 9 **Draft Annual Report to Council** (Pages 19 - 22)
- 10 **Code of conduct complaints update** (Pages 23 - 31)
- 11 **Standards update** (Pages 32 - 38)
- 12 **Standards Committee Work Programme** (Pages 39 - 41)

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