

Agenda for Standards Committee

Thursday, 20th November, 2025, 9.00 am

Members of Standards Committee

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

Parish Representatives: P Stott and S Sexton

Independent Persons: D Kuh and P Coulter

Independent Representatives: R Wood, M Goscomb, K Bryant

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1 Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 3 - 5)

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 **Appointment of Independent Representatives, Independent Persons and Town and Parish Representatives** (Pages 6 - 8)

8 **Applications for dispensations** (Pages 9 - 11)

- 9 **Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework consultation update**
(Pages 12 - 16)
- 10 **Code of Conduct Complaints update** (Pages 17 - 26)
- 11 **Gifts and Hospitality update** (Pages 27 - 31)

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