

AGENDA

STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 14 June 2022

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT*

Membership:

Councillors Lloyd Bowen, Roger Clark, Steve Davey (Vice-Chair), Nicholas Hampshire, Ken Ingleton, Elliott Jayes, Denise Knights, Hannah Perkin (Chair), Bill Tatton, Ghlin Whelan and Corrie Woodford.

Quorum = 3

Independent Person (non-voting): Mrs Patricia Richards and Christopher Webb.

Kent Association of Local Councils representatives (non-voting): Mr Graham Addicott OBE.

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(a) in the event of the alarm sounding, everybody must leave the building via the nearest safe available exit and gather at the Assembly points at the far side of the Car Park. Nobody must leave the assembly point until everybody can be accounted for and nobody must return to the building until the Chairman has informed them that it is safe to do so; and

(b) the lifts must not be used in the event of an evacuation.

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2. Apologies for Absence and Confirmation of Substitutes

3. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the Meeting held on 16 November 2021 (Minute Nos. 431 - 435) as a correct record, and to accept the [Minutes](#) of the Standards Hearing Sub-Committee held on 25 April 2022 (Minute Nos. 761 – 765).

4. Declarations of Interest

Councillors should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves or their spouse, civil partner or person with whom they are living with as a spouse or civil partner. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

The Chairman will ask Members if they have any interests to declare in respect of items on this agenda, under the following headings:

(a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) under the Localism Act 2011. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. After declaring a DPI, the Member must leave the meeting and not take part in the discussion or vote. This applies even if there is provision for public speaking.

(b) Disclosable Non Pecuniary Interests (DNPI) under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council in May 2012. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. After declaring a DNPI interest, the Member may stay, speak and vote on the matter.

(c) Where it is possible that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts would conclude that there was a real possibility that the Member might be predetermined or biased the Member should declare their predetermination or bias and then leave the room while that item is considered.

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Part B Reports for Decision by the Standards Committee

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No report for this item.

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