

# Agenda

## Standards Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, 18 December 2023

Time 7.00 pm

Venue: Committee Room, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT\*

Membership: Councillors Monique Bonney (Vice-Chair), James Hunt, Elliott Jayes, Mark Last, Rich Lehmann, Charlie Miller, Pete Neal, Richard Palmer, Hannah Perkin, Tony Winckless and Ashley Wise (Chair).

Quorum = 3

Independent persons (non-voting): Patricia Richards and Christopher Webb

Kent Association of Local Councils representative (non-voting): TBA

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- 5. Monitoring Officer Annual Report 5 - 14
- 6. Member Officer Protocol 15 - 34
- 7. Standards Arrangements - Verbal update

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