



# Democracy and Standards Committee

**A meeting of the Democracy and Standards Committee will be held at the  
The Holding Room, Northampton, NN1 1DE on Thursday 15 June 2023 at  
6.00 pm**

## Agenda

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes</b> (Pages 5 - 10) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2023.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Chair's Announcements</b> To receive communications from the Chair.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Review of Member Complaints Procedure</b> (Pages 11 - 18)
<b>6.</b>	<b>Proposed amendments to the Constitution</b> (Pages 19 - 22) To consider proposed amendments to the Constitution
<b>7.</b>	<b>Register of Members' Interests</b> (Pages 23 - 26) To provide an update regarding the operation of the Register of Members' Interests 2022/2023
<b>8.</b>	<b>Councillor Development Programme 2023 -2025 - Progress report</b> (Pages 27 - 30)

9.	<p><b>Annual Report of the Democracy and Standards Committee 2022/2023</b> (Pages 31 - 42)</p> <p>To consider the draft Annual Report of the Democracy and Standards Committee 2022/2023</p>
10.	<p><b>Review of Committee Work Programme</b> (Pages 43 - 44)</p> <p>To review and note the Committee Work Programme.</p>
11.	<p><b>Urgent Business</b></p> <p>The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.</p>
12.	<p><b>Exclusion of Press and Public</b></p> <p>In respect of the following items the Chairman may move the resolution set out below, on the grounds that if the public were present it would be likely that exempt information (information regarded as private for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1972) would be disclosed to them: The Committee is requested to resolve: “That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that if the public were present it would be likely that exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act of the descriptions against each item would be disclosed to them”</p>

Catherine Whitehead  
Proper Officer  
7 June 2023

**Democracy and Standards Committee Members:**

## **Information about this Agenda**

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### **Declarations of Interest**

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item

**Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts &**

### **Supplementary Estimates**

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare that fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

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