



# Democracy and Standards Committee

A meeting of the Democracy and Standards Committee will be held at the Holding Room, The Guildhall, St Giles Street, Northampton, NN1 1DE on Tuesday 12 September 2023 at 6.00 pm

## Agenda

1.	<b>Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members</b>
2.	<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.
3.	<b>Minutes</b> (Pages 5 - 10) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2023.
4.	<b>Chair's Announcements</b> To receive communications from the Chair.
5.	<b>Community Governance Review</b> (Pages 11 - 24)
6.	<b>Proposed amendments to the Constitution</b> (Pages 25 - 30)
7.	<b>Statistics - Code of Conduct Arrangements- Six monthly update</b> (Pages 31 - 40) To provide an update on the number of complaints received and dealt with, in respect of the Code of Member Conduct
8.	<b>Councillor Development Programme 2023 -2025 - Progress report</b> (Pages 41 - 54) To consider the Councillor Development Programme

9.	<p><b>Review of Committee Work Programme</b> (Pages 55 - 56) To review and note the Committee Work Programme.</p>
10.	<p><b>Urgent Business</b> The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.</p>
11.	<p><b>Exclusion of Press and Public</b> 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  
4 September 2023

**Democracy and Standards Committee Members:**

Councillor Suresh Patel (Chair)

Councillor Andrew Grant (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Daniel Cribbin

Councillor Jonathan Harris

Councillor Nigel Hinch

Councillor Andrew Kilbride

Councillor Cecile Irving-Swift

Councillor Wendy Randall

Councillor Cathrine Russell

**Information about this Agenda**

**Apologies for Absence**

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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

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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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