



Democracy and Standards Committee

**A meeting of the Democracy and Standards Committee will be held at the
The Guildhall, St Giles Street, Northampton, NN1 1DE on Wednesday 15
November 2023 at 6.00 pm**

Agenda

1.	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members
2.	Declarations of Interest 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.	Minutes (Pages 5 - 10) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12 th September 2023.
4.	Chair's Announcements To receive communications from the Chair.
5.	Proposed amendments to the Constitution (Pages 11 - 16) To consider proposed amendments to the Constitution in relation to updates required to the Financial Procedure Rules
6.	Changes to Planning Committees - Six Month Review (Pages 17 - 22) To review the operation of the planning committees over the last six months and determine whether any changes should be recommended to Council or whether further review or information is required
7.	Proposed amendments to the Member Complaints Procedure (Pages 23 - 54)

	To consider proposed amendments to the Member complaints Procedure
8.	Community Governance Review - Update (Pages 55 - 82) To consider the Consultation Plan for the first stage of the Community Governance Review
9.	Election Fees and Charges (Pages 83 - 108)
10.	Review of Committee Work Programme (Pages 109 - 110) To review and note the Committee Work Programme.
11.	Urgent Business The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.
12.	Exclusion of Press and Public 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"

Catherine Whitehead
Proper Officer
7 November 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

Apologies for absence and the appointment of substitute Members should be notified to democraticservices@westnorthants.gov.uk prior to the start of the meeting.

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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