



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 Thursday 25
January 2024 at 6.00 pm

Agenda

1.	Appointment of Chair of the Democracy and Standards Committee
2.	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members
3.	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.
4.	Minutes (Pages 5 - 10) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 th November 2023.
5.	Chair's Announcements To receive communications from the Chair.
6.	Statistics - Code of Conduct Arrangements Annual Review (Pages 11 - 22) To provide an update on the number of complaints received and dealt with, in respect of the Code of Member Conduct
7.	Councillor Development Programme 2023 -2025 - Progress report (Pages 23 - 32) To provide an update on member training for the Committee's information and seeks support for the classification and requirements in relation to the member training programme

8.	<p>West Northamptonshire Community Governance Review: Update (Pages 33 - 38) To provide an update on the Community Governance Review</p>
9.	<p>Updates to the Constitution (Pages 39 - 42)</p>
10.	<p>Appointment of Independent Persons (Pages 43 - 46)</p>
11.	<p>Appointment of non-elected Co-opted Members of the Audit and Governance Committee (Pages 47 - 50)</p>
12.	<p>Committee Work Programme 2024/2025 (Pages 51 - 56) To consider and approve the Committee Work Programme for 2024/2025.</p>
13.	<p>Urgent Business The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.</p>
14.	<p>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"</p>

Catherine Whitehead
Proper Officer
17 January 2024

Democracy and Standards Committee Members:

Councillor Andrew Grant (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Daniel Cribbin
Councillor Nigel Hinch
Councillor Cecile Irving-Swift
Councillor Cathrine Russell

Councillor Jonathan Harris
Councillor Andrew Kilbride
Councillor Wendy Randall

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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