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Standards Committee

A meeting of the committee will be held at **2.15 pm** on **Monday, 4 March 2019** at **County Hall, Chichester**.

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Agenda

1. **Declarations of Interest**

Members and officers must declare any pecuniary or personal interest in any business on the agenda. They should also make declarations at any stage such as an interest becomes apparent during the meeting. Consideration should be given to leaving the meeting if the nature of the interest warrants it. If in doubt please contact Democratic Services before the meeting.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee** (Pages 3 - 6)

The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2018 (cream paper).

3. **Urgent Matters**

Items not on the agenda which the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances.

4. **Report by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman** (Pages 7 - 22)

Report by the Executive Director Communities and Public Protection and Director of Communities.

The report outlines a case where the Ombudsman has issued a report and the reasons for not following the Ombudsman's recommendations. The Committee is asked to consider whether it agrees with the Council's current stance on the matter.

5. **Equality Policy - anti-discrimination** (Pages 23 - 28)

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

The Committee is asked to consider whether the Council should formally adopt an internationally recognised definition of anti-semitism as part of its established policy on anti-discrimination.

6. **Local Government Ethical Standards** (Pages 29 - 42)

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

The report summarises the key points of the report issued by the Committee on Standards in Public Life on Local Government Ethical Standards. The Committee is invited to note the report and to consider whether any best practice recommended by the Committee on Standards in Public Life should be adopted by the County Council.

7. **Confidential Reporting Policy**

The Committee is invited to note that the Director of Law and Assurance is not in a position to report on any referrals via this Policy but will provide a report to the next meeting of the Committee.

No background papers.

Contact: Charles Gauntlett 033022 22524

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 2.15 pm on 17 June 2019 at County Hall, Chichester.

To all members of the Standards Committee