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## **Standards Committee**

A virtual meeting of the Committee will be held at **2.15 pm** on **Monday, 2 November 2020**.

**Note:** In accordance with regulations in response to the current public health emergency, this meeting will be held virtually with members in remote attendance. Public access is via webcasting.

**The meeting will be available to watch live via the Internet at this address:**

<http://www.westsussex.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

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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 26 July 2019 (attached, 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. Complaints and Compliments Annual Report 2019 (Pages 7 - 86)**

Report by the Director of Communities.

The Committee is asked to note the report.

5. **Standards Committee Annual Report** (Pages 87 - 90)

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

The Committee is asked to consider the draft annual report for submission to the County Council on 11 December 2020.

6. **Merger of Planning and Rights of Way Committees: Code of Conduct Revisions** (Pages 91 - 108)

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

The Committee is asked to consider the proposals in the report for endorsement to the County Council on 6 November 2020.

7. **Member Officer Relations Protocol Report** (Pages 109 - 124)

Report by Director of Law and Assurance.

The Committee is asked to consider and support the proposed revisions to the Code of Conduct Section 2, Member Officer Protocol, for submission to the County Council on 11 December 2020.

8. **Standards Best Practice Report** (Pages 125 - 130)

A report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

The Committee is invited to note the report.

9. **Whistleblowing Policy** (Pages 131 - 134)

The report by the Director of Law and Assurance advises of referrals via this Policy since the last meeting of the Committee.

The Committee is invited to note the report and to endorse recent actions taken.

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 2.15 pm on 14 June 2021 at County Hall, Chichester.

**To all members of the Standards Committee**