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Standards Committee

A meeting of the Committee will be held at **2.15 pm** on **Monday, 14 June 2021** at **County Hall, Chichester, PO19 1RQ**.

Note: In response to the continuing public health restrictions, there will be limited public access to the meeting. Admission is by ticket only, bookable in advance via: <u>democratic.services@westsussex.gov.uk</u>

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Agenda

1. Membership

The membership of the Standards Committee was confirmed at the County Council meeting held on 21 May 2021 as follows:

Cllr Bradbury (Chairman) Cllr Wickremaratchi (Vice-Chairman) Cllr Burrett Cllr Cherry Cllr Gibson Cllr Johnson Cllr Kenyon Cllr A Jupp Cllr Sparkes

2. **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 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.

3. **Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee** (Pages 5 - 10)

The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2020 (cream paper).

4. 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.

5. **Standards Committee Terms of Reference** (Pages 11 - 22)

The Committee is asked to note its terms of reference.

6. Standards Committee Annual Report (Pages 23 - 26)

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

The report sets out a draft annual report for submission to the County Council, which the Committee is asked to approve.

7. Code of Conduct Updates, including IT Policy (Pages 27 - 32)

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

The report sets out proposed minor changes to the Code of Conduct in the Constitution. The Committee is asked to endorse these changes and submit them to the County Council for approval.

8. Whistleblowing Policy

The Committee is invited to note that the Director of Law and Assurance has not received any referrals via this Policy since the last meeting of the Committee.

No background papers.

Contact: Charles Gauntlett 033 022 22524

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 2.15 pm on 29 November 2021 at County Hall, Chichester.

To all members of the Standards Committee

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