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Standards Committee

A meeting of the committee will be held at **2.15 pm** on **Monday, 27 June 2022** at **County Hall, Chichester, PO19 1RQ**.

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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 29 November 2021 (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. **Annual Complaints and Compliments Report** (Pages 7 - 42)

Report by the Director of Place Services and Assistant Director (Communities).

The report sets out information about the complaints and compliments received by the County Council in 2021. The Committee is invited to comment on the information.

No background papers. Contact, David Tominey, Complaints Manager, david.tominey@westsussex.gov.uk, tel: 033022 22285.

5. **National Standards Updates** (Pages 43 - 74)

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

The report sets out the Government's response to the recommendations on the local authority standards regime from the Committee for Standards in Public Life. It also sets out new legislation relating to disqualification from standing for local government office and asks whether the Local Government Association's Model Code of Conduct should be considered at West Sussex County Council.

6. **Standards Committee Annual Report 2021/22** (Pages 75 - 78)

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

The report sets out a draft Annual Report for approval for submission to the County Council on 15 July 2022.

7. **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.

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8. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 2.15 pm on 31 October 2022 at County Hall, Chichester.

To all members of the Standards Committee