

STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

Date and Time:- Thursday 16 January 2025 at 2.00 p.m.

Venue:- Rotherham Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH

Membership:- Councillors Monk (Chair), Clarke (Vice-Chair), Beck, T. Collingham, Hall, Hughes, Jackson, Keenan, Mr. A. Buckley and Mrs. M. Carroll.

Independent Co-optees:- Mrs. A. Bingham, Mr. P. Edler and Mrs. K. Penney.

Independent Persons:- Mr. P. Beavers and Mr. D. Roper-Newman.

The items which will be discussed are described on the agenda below and there are reports attached which give more details.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive the apologies of any Member who is unable to attend today's meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of items listed on the agenda.

3. Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any part of the agenda.

Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for Agenda Items 6 and 7 (Consideration of Whistleblowing Policy and Complaints) on the grounds that their appendices involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th September, 2024 (Pages 5 - 8)

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th September, 2024 as a true and correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

5. Consideration of Granting of a Dispensation relating to Housing Matters (Pages 9 - 12)

To consider the granting of dispensations to enable Members of the Council who have Council tenancies to participate and vote on Council business related to Housing.

6. Proposed Amendments to the Whistleblowing Policy (Pages 13 - 27)

To consider and agree proposed minor amendments to the Whistleblowing Policy following a review.

7. A Review of Concerns Raised Pursuant to the Whistleblowing Policy (Pages 29 - 35)

To give consideration to a report regarding concerns raised pursuant to the Whistleblowing Policy and the actions taken to address these matters.

8. Review of Complaints (Pages 37 - 43)

To give consideration to a report updating the Committee on the Complaints received against Members of the Council, and Town and Parish Councillors alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct.

9. Consultation on Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authorities in England (Pages 45 - 78)

To consider and contribute to the Government Consultation on strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authorities in England.

10. Urgent Business

To determine any item which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

**The next meeting of the Standards and Ethics Committee will
be held on Thursday 13 March 2025
commencing at 2.00 p.m. in Rotherham Town Hall.**



**SHARON KEMP OBE,
Chief Executive.**