

## STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

**Date and Time:-** Thursday 13 March 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 5 and 6 (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 16th January, 2025 (Pages 3 - 7)**

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

**5. A Review of Concerns Raised Pursuant to the Whistleblowing Policy (Pages 9 - 16)**

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

**6. Review of Complaints (Pages 17 - 24)**

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.

**7. Standards and Ethics Committee - Work Plan (Pages 25 - 30)**

To consider and approve the draft work programme for the Standards and Ethics Committee for the period January to November, 2025.

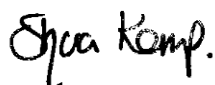
**8. Membership of the Standards and Ethics Committee (Pages 31 - 34)**

To review the current membership and make recommendations to refresh the membership of the Standards and Ethics Committee.

**9. 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 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 (provisional)  
commencing at 2.00 p.m.  
in Rotherham Town Hall.**



**SHARON KEMP OBE,  
Chief Executive.**