

STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

Date and Time:- **Thursday 15 January 2026 at 2.00 p.m.**

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

Membership:- **Councillors Clarke (Chair), Lelliott (Vice-Chair), Beck, T. Collingham, Hall, Harper, Keenan and Monk.**

Parish Council Representatives:- **Mr. A. Griffin and Mr. M. Senior.**

Independent Members:- **Mrs. A. Bingham 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.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th September, 2025 (Pages 3 - 7)

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th September, 2025 as a true and correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

5. Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authorities in England - Consultation Results and Government Response (Pages 9 - 60)

To consider the Government's response to the Consultation on strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England.

6. Debate not Hate Working Group - Verbal Update

To receive a verbal update on progress to date.

7. Review of the Sub-Committee Hearing Procedure (Pages 61 - 66)

To consider and review of the Standards and Ethics Committee Sub-Committee Hearing Procedure.

8. Appointment of Independent Member (Pages 67 - 69)

To consider the appointment of an Independent Member following a recruitment process.

9. A Review of Concerns Raised Pursuant to the Whistleblowing Policy (Pages 71 - 79)

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

10. Review of Complaints (Pages 81 - 87)

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.

11. 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 12 March 2026
commencing at 2.00 p.m.
in Rotherham Town Hall.**



**JOHN EDWARDS,
Chief Executive.**