

STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

Date and Time:- Thursday 12 March 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.

Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for Agenda Items 9 and 10 (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 15th January, 2026 (Pages 3 - 6)

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th January, 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

5. Standards and Ethics Committee - Work Plan (Pages 7 - 12)

To receive and approve the draft Work programme for the Standards and Ethics Committee for the period January to November, 2026.

6. Standards and Ethics Committee - Annual Report (Pages 13 - 16)

To consider and note the work undertaken by the Standards and Ethics Committee in 2025.

7. Debate not Hate Working Group - Update

To receive a verbal update following the latest Working Group meeting for the Debate Not Hate Campaign.

8. Proposed Amendments to the Whistleblowing Policy (Pages 17 - 31)

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

9. A Review of Concerns Raised Pursuant to the Whistleblowing Policy (Pages 33 - 41)

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 43 - 49)

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 Date Not Specified
commencing at Time Not Specified
in Rotherham Town Hall.**



JOHN EDWARDS,
Chief Executive.