

## **STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE**

**Date and Time:-** Thursday 11 June 2026 at 2.00 p.m.

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

**Membership:-** Councillors Clarke (Chair), Harper (Vice-Chair), T. Collingham, Cowen, Currie, Hall, Lelliott and McKiernan.

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

**Independent Members:-** Mrs. A. Bingham, Mrs. K. Penney and Ms. R. Wright.

**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 10 and 11 (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 March, 2026 (Pages 3 - 6)**

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

**5. Review of the Code of Conduct (Pages 7 - 26)**

To consider and review the Code of Conduct.

**6. Civility and Respect Pledge (Verbal Update)**

To receive an update on the Civility and Respect Pledge.

**7. Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authorities (Verbal Update)**

To receive an update on the strengthening of the standards and conduct framework for local authorities.

**8. Debate Not Hate Working Group (Verbal Update)**

To receive an update on the work of the Debate Not Hate Working Group.

**9. Register of Interests - Parish Councils (Pages 27 - 30)**

To receive an update on the latest position with regards to the Register of Interests for Parish Councils.

**10. A Review of Concerns Raised Pursuant to the Whistleblowing Policy (Pages 31 - 38)**

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

**11. Review of Complaints (Pages 39 - 45)**

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.

**12. 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 10 September 2026  
commencing at 2.00 p.m.  
in Rotherham Town Hall.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Edwards', with a stylized, cursive script.

**JOHN EDWARDS,  
Chief Executive.**