

STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

Date and Time:- Thursday 10 September 2026 at 2.00 p.m.

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

Membership:- Councillors Clarke (Chair), Harper (Vice-Chair), Brent, T. Collingham, Cowen, Currie, Hall 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 7 and 8 (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 11th June, 2026 (Pages 3 - 9)

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th June, 2026 as a true and correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

5. Strengthening the Standards Regime (Verbal Update)

To receive a verbal update on the Government's strengthening of the standards regime in England.

6. Report of the Debate not Hate Working Group (Pages 11 - 37)

To consider the work undertaken by the Standards and Ethics Committee Working Group in completing the Local Government Association Debate Not Hate self-assessment toolkit.

7. A Review of Concerns Raised Pursuant to the Whistleblowing Policy (Pages 39 - 46)

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 47 - 54)

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. 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 November 2026
commencing at 2.00 p.m.
in Rotherham Town Hall.**



**JOHN EDWARDS,
Chief Executive.**