

# STANDARDS PANEL

## NOTICE AND AGENDA

For a meeting to be held on Monday, 12 August 2024 at 2.00 pm in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers, Northway, Rickmansworth.

Members of the Standards Panel:-

Councillors:

Oliver Cooper  
Stephen Cox

Stephen Giles-Medhurst  
Chris Mitchell

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*Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive  
2 August 2024*

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public on agenda items at the Standards Panel meetings. Details of the procedure are provided below:

For those wishing to speak:

Members of the public are entitled to register and identify which item(s) they wish to speak on from the published agenda for the meeting. Those who wish to register to speak are asked to register on the night of the meeting from 7pm. Please note that contributions will be limited to one person speaking for and one against each item for not more than three minutes.

In the event of registering your interest to speak on an agenda item but not taking up that right because the item is deferred, you will be given the right to speak on that item at the next meeting of the Committee.

Those wishing to observe the meeting are requested to arrive from 7pm.

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1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

If the Committee wishes to consider any item in private, it will be appropriate for a resolution to be passed in the following terms:-

“that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act. It has been decided by the Council that in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

4. **INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF A CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT**

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The report sets out the initial assessment of a Code of Conduct complaint.

Recommendation to Standards Panel

- i. That the Standards Panel determines there is no breach of the Member Code of Conduct.
- ii. No further action is required.

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of the Local Government Act 1972.

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