



Epping Forest District Council

STANDARDS COMMITTEE **Monday, 2nd March, 2020**

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **Standards Committee**, which will be held at:

Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping
on **Monday, 2nd March, 2020**
at **7.00 pm** .

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Members:

B Rolfe (Chairman), C P Pond (Vice-Chairman), N Avey, G Chambers, S Kane, R Morgan, S Neville, C Roberts and J Share-Bernia

Independent Persons:

Mr A Brooks, Mrs J Clare, Mr D Cooper

Parish and Town Council representatives:

Parish Councillors J Barber, D Barlow, R Morgan, S Watson, J Whybrow.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

(Democratic Services Manager) To be announced at the meeting.

2. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

(Democratic Services Manager) To report the appointment of any substitute members for the meeting in accordance with Council Rule S1 in the Constitution (Part 4 "The Rules" refers).

3. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 8)

(Democratic Services Manager) To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 17 January 2019, as a correct record (attached).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Democratic Services Manager) To declare interests in any item on the agenda.

5. ALLEGATIONS MADE ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF DISTRICT AND PARISH/TOWN COUNCILLORS (Pages 9 - 12)

(Monitoring Officer) To consider the attached schedule showing the current position of active cases (STD-001-2019/20).

6. IMPOSITION OF CHARGES FOR DEALING WITH PARISH COUNCIL COMPLAINTS OF A BREACH OF THE COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT (Pages 13 - 14)

(Monitoring Officer) To consider the attached report (STD-002-2019/20).

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

(Democratic Services Manager) Following the decision of the Council that the Standards Committee be convened to meet only when there is business to be transacted (Council 26 April 2016, minute 12 refers), there are no formal meetings arranged for the remainder of the municipal year. However, further meetings of the Committee can be arranged if required.

8. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESSExclusion

To consider whether, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below on grounds that they will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated:

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Paragraph Number
9	Allegations Made About the conduct of District and Parish/Town Councillors – Issues Arising	1, 3 & 6a

Background Papers

Article 17 of the Constitution (Access to Information) define background papers as being documents relating to the subject matter of the report which in the Proper Officer's opinion:

- (a) disclose any facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the report is based; and
- (b) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing the report and does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information and in respect of executive reports, the advice of any political advisor.

The Council will make available for public inspection one copy of each of the documents on the list of background papers for four years after the date of the meeting. Inspection of background papers can be arranged by contacting either the Responsible Officer or the Democratic Services Officer for the particular item.

9. ALLEGATIONS MADE ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF DISTRICT AND TOWN/PARISH COUNCILLORS - ISSUES ARISING (Pages 15 - 16)

(Monitoring Officer) To consider the attached report (STD-003-2019/20).