

Mid Devon District Council

Standards Committee

Wednesday, 9 October 2019 at 6.00 pm
Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting
Wednesday, 5 February 2020 at 6.00 pm

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

Membership

Cllr Mrs F J Colthorpe
Cllr C J Eginton
Cllr C R Slade
Cllr Mrs M E Squires
Cllr L D Taylor
Cllr A White
Cllr A Wilce
Cllr Mrs N Woollatt
Cllr A Wyer

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Members are reminded of the need to make declarations of interest prior to any discussion which may take place

- 1 **APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**
To receive any apologies for absence and notices of appointment of Substitute Members (if any).
- 2 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
To receive any questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.

Note: A maximum of 30 minutes is allowed for this item.
- 3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT**
Councillors are reminded of the requirement to declare any interest, including the type of interest, and reason for that interest, either at this stage of the meeting or as soon as they become aware of that interest.
- 4 **MINUTES** (*Pages 5 - 10*)
Members to consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 19 June 2019
- 5 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements the Chairman of the Committee may wish to make.

- 6 **REGISTERS OF INTERESTS - PARISH COUNCILS** (*Pages 11 - 16*)
To consider a report from the Monitoring Officer setting out her concerns about the failure of a number of parish councillors to complete and return their registers of interests.
- 7 **STANDARDS WORKING GROUP REPORT - REVIEW OF THE JANUARY 2019 REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE** (*Pages 17 - 44*)
To consider a report from the Standards Working Group following its review of the recommendations and best practice set out in the January 2019 report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life.
- 8 **THE CHALLENGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA FOR MEMBERS** (*Pages 45 - 46*)
To consider whether either a policy on social media or a change to the Code of Conduct is required. Members are referred also to the recent open letter from the Committee on Standards in Public Life to all public office holders, which is reproduced in the reports pack.
- 9 **COMPLAINTS**
To receive an update from the Monitoring Officer with regard to any on-going complaints being dealt with. This will be in generic terms and will not provide any information that might identify the complainant, the relevant councillor or in any way set out the Monitoring Officer's views on the matter.
- 10 **IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**
To consider items for the next meeting of the committee.

Stephen Walford
Chief Executive
Tuesday, 1 October 2019

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