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To: The Chairman and Members of
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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Monday, 7th November, 2016

A meeting of the Standards Committee is to be held on the above date at 2.15 pm in the Committee Suite, County Hall, Exeter to consider the following matters.

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A G E N D A

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 2)
Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 July 2016, attached.
- 3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention
Items which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

STANDING ITEMS

- 4 Customer Feedback Monitoring Report (Pages 3 - 20)
Report of the Head of Digital Transformation & Business Support ([BSS/16/15](#)) on feedback, compliments, representations and complaints received and handled by the County Council for the first two quarters of 2016/17, attached.
Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions
- 5 Local Government Ombudsman Complaints: Annual Report 2015/16 and Ombudsman's Annual Letter (Pages 21 - 30)
Joint Report of the Ombudsman Link Officer and Head of Digital Transformation & Business Support ([BSS/16/16](#)) on the outcome of complaints lodged and/or determined during 2015/16 and on the Ombudsman's Annual Review Letter for 2016, attached.
Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

6 Ethical Governance Framework: Monitoring (Pages 31 - 32)

Report of the County Solicitor ([CS/16/33](#)) on co-opted members' attendance at meetings of the Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings, monitoring compliance with the Council's ethical governance framework, attached.

7 The Standards Regime

County Solicitor to report on a Law Commission consultation on the law of misconduct in public office and a request from Somerset County Council for support with representations for a change in the Localism Act 2011 relating to the sanctions available to Councils under the existing standards regime.

Electoral Divisions(s): All Divisions

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

8 Local Determination of Complaints


County Solicitor to report on complaints or allegations of a breach of the Council's Members' Code of Conduct received since the last meeting, if any.

PART II - ITEMS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC ON THE GROUNDS THAT EXEMPT INFORMATION MAY BE DISCLOSED

Nil

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Membership
County Councillors Councillors C Chugg, A Moulding (Chairman), P Colthorpe, A Connett, G Gribble, R Hill and J Mathews Co-opted Member S Day, R Hodgins, A Mayes, R Saltmarsh and V Sullivan
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