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To: The Chair and Members  
of the Standards  
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**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Thursday, 17th November, 2022

A meeting of the Standards Committee is to be held on the above date at 2.15 pm at Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams to consider the following matters.

Jan Spicer  
Interim Chief Executive

**A G E N D A**

**PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE**

1 Apologies for absence

2 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 July 2022 previously circulated.

3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

**STANDING ITEMS**

4 Ethical Governance Framework: Monitoring (To Follow)

Report of the County Solicitor (CSO/20/17) on co-opted members' attendance at meetings of the Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings, monitoring compliance with the Council's ethical governance framework.

## **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

5 **Ministerial response - Local Government Disqualification Act (Pages 1 - 2)**

To receive the response from the Minister of State at Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in response to the Council's letter about the Local Government (Disqualification) Act 2022 (attached).

Members will recall that the Committee considered a report about the updated disqualification criteria for local authority members at its last meeting where the changes were welcomed. However, concerns were raised these did not apply to Police and Crime Commissioners and Members of Parliament and it was agreed to write to Government asking for this to be considered.

The Committee is invited to consider the response.

6 **Standards in Public Life: Update on Councillors safety, work on reducing harassment, abuse and intimidation (Pages 3 - 6)**

Report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services (CSO/22/18) on councillors' safety and work to reduce harassment, abuse and intimidation (attached).

The Committee is asked to consider the report and make any further recommendations as felt necessary and to note the ongoing work.

7 **Ethical Governance Survey 2022 - Outcomes and Results (Pages 7 - 12)**

Report of the County Solicitor (CSO/22/19) outlining the Ethical Governance Survey and Self-Assessment of Councillors and Officers for 2022 and the results generated.

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.

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