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Membership of the Standards Panel

Cllr Mike Band Cllr Carole Cockburn Cllr Kevin Deanus Cllr David Else Cllr Michael Goodridge Cllr Stephen Hill Cllr Sam Pritchard Cllr Jeanette Stennett Cllr John Williamson

Town/Parish Representatives

Cllr Joan Holroyd Cllr Richard Jameson

Dear Member

A meeting of the STANDARDS PANEL will be held as follows:

DATE: MONDAY, 13 JUNE 2016

TIME: 5.00 PM

PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM 1, COUNCIL OFFICES, THE BURYS, GODALMING

The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Policy and Governance

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<u>AGENDA</u>

1. <u>APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN</u>

To confirm the appointment of Councillor Michael Goodridge as Chairman of the Standards Panel for the Council Year 2016-17.

2. <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>

To receive any apologies for absence.

3. <u>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS</u>

To receive from members, declarations of interests in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting in accordance with the Waverley Code of Local Government Conduct.

4. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Chairman to respond to any questions received from members of the public of which notice has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 10.

5. <u>TO INTRODUCE THE NEW TOWN AND PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO</u> <u>THE STANDARDS PANEL</u>

To introduce the new Town and Parish Representatives, Councillors Joan Holroyd from Elstead Parish Council and Richard Jameson from Bramley Parish Council, to the Standards Panel.

6. <u>REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS TO THE MONITORING OFFICER</u> (Pages 5 - 20)

[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Julia Potts] [Wards Affected: All]

The Council adopted a new Code of Conduct at its meeting in July 2012 and reviewed its operation and updated the Code at its meeting in July 2013. The Monitoring Officer last reported to the Panel in January 2015 and this report updates the Panel, and also asks the Panel to recommend to the Council whether or not the Code should be reviewed.

Recommendation

That the Standards Panel

- 1. Receives the report and to make observations on it to the Monitoring Officer.
- 2. Decides if a review of the Code and arrangements for investigation is appropriate and to recommend to the Council accordingly.

3. Decides if it would wish to meet the three Independent Persons informally.

7. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following recommendation on the motion of the Chairman:

Recommendation

That, pursuant to Procedure Rule 20 and in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined by Section 100I of the Act) of the description specified at the meeting in the revised Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

8. <u>LEGAL ADVICE</u>

To consider any legal advice relating to any applications in the agenda.

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