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Membership of the Standards Panel

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

Town/Parish Representatives

Cllr Joan Holroyd – Elstead Parish Council Cllr Richard Jameson – Bramley Parish Council

Dear Member

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

DATE:	MONDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2016
TIME:	4.30 PM
PLACE:	COMMITTEE ROOM 1, COUNCIL OFFICES, THE BURYS,
	GODALMING

The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Yours sincerely

ROBIN TAYLOR

Head of Policy and Governance

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<u>AGENDA</u>

1. <u>MINUTES</u>

To agree as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting of the Panel held on 13 June 2016 (to be laid on the table half-an-hour prior to the meeting).

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

To receive any apologies for absence.

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

To receive from members, declarations of interest 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>REVIEW OF MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT, ARRANGEMENTS FOR</u> <u>DEALING WITH STANDARDS ALLEGATIONS AND COUNCILLORS'</u> <u>PLANNING CODE</u> (Pages 5 - 36)

As requested at the 13 June 2016 meeting of the Standards Panel and subsequently agreed at Council meeting on 19 July 2016, this report sets out a number of suggested changes to the Waverley 'Member Code of Conduct', 'Arrangements for dealing with Standards Allegations' and 'Councillors Planning Code of Good Practice'.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Standards Panel

- 1. notes any comments or observations received from the Council's designated Independent Persons on the three revised documents; and
- 2. agrees, subject to any changes they wish to make, to recommend to Council changes to be made to the Waverley 'Member Code of Conduct', 'Arrangements for dealing with Standards Allegations' and 'Councillors Planning Code of Good Practice'.

6. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following recommendation of 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 this 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 Act.

7. <u>LEGAL ADVICE</u>

To consider any legal advice relating to any items on the agenda.

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