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Our Ref Standards Committee 27 March 2024
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To: The Chair and Members of the Standards Committee of North Hertfordshire District Council

District Councillors Ruth Brown (Chair), Ian Albert (Vice-Chair), Raj Bhakar, Clare Billing, Cathy Brownjohn, Val Bryant, Juan Cowell, Dominic Griffiths, Gerald Morris, Ralph Muncer, Sean Prendergast, Richard Thake and Alistair Willoughby.

Substitutes: Councillors James Denselow, Faye S Frost, David Levett, Nigel Mason and Amy Allen.

Parish Councillors Parish Councillor Rebecca Elliott and Parish Councillor Martin Griffin (Co-opted non-voting Members).

Independent Persons (Non Voting) Nicholas Moss OBE (Independent Person)
Peter Chapman and John Richardson (Reserve – Independent Person) – advisory roles.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

to be held in the

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES,
LETCWORTH GARDEN CITY**

On

WEDNESDAY, 27TH MARCH, 2024 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson
Service Director – Legal and Community

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Agenda **Part I**

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<p>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Members are required to notify any substitutions by midday on the day of the meeting.</p> <p>Late substitutions will not be accepted and Members attending as a substitute without having given the due notice will not be able to take part in the meeting.</p>	
<p>2. MINUTES - 1 NOVEMBER 2023 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 1 November 2023.</p>	(Pages 5 - 8)
<p>3. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS Members should notify the Chair of other business which they wish to be discussed at the end of either Part I or Part II business set out in the agenda. They must state the circumstances which they consider justify the business being considered as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>The Chair will decide whether any item(s) raised will be considered.</p>	
<p>4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS Members are reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and are required to notify the Chair of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest, wishing to exercise a 'Councillor Speaking Right', must declare this at the same time as the interest, move to the public area before speaking to the item and then must leave the room before the debate and vote.</p>	
<p>5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public.</p>	
<p>6. STANDARD MATTERS REPORT REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – LEGAL & COMMUNITY/ MONITORING OFFICER</p> <p>To update the Committee on standards issues.</p>	(Pages 9 - 14)

7. MEMBERS PLANNING CODE OF GOOD CONDUCT (Pages
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – LEGAL & COMMUNITY/ 15 - 26)
MONITORING OFFICER

For the Committee to review the updated Lawyers in Local Government Members Planning Code, with a view to recommending adoption of this to Full Council, as a replacement for Section 8 Appendix 1.