

25 February 2025

Our Ref Standards Committee 5 March 2025
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To: The Chair and Members of the Standards Committee of North Hertfordshire District Council

District Councillors Alistair Willoughby (Chair), Ian Albert (Vice-Chair),
Ruth Brown, Val Bryant, Elizabeth Dennis,
Dominic Griffiths, Keith Hoskins, Michael Muir,
Vijaiya Poopalasingham, Sean Prendergast, Emma Rowe
and Tom Tyson

Substitutes: Councillors David Barnard, Clare Billing, Sam Collins, Emma
Fernandes, Caroline McDonnell, Ralph Muncer, Paul Ward
and Donna Wright

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

Independent Persons Nicholas Moss OBE (Independent Person),
Patrick Hodson and Wai Bing Hui (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, SG6 3JF**

On

WEDNESDAY, 5TH MARCH, 2025 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson
Service Director – Legal and Community

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Agenda **Part I**

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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Members are required to notify any substitutions by midday on the day of the meeting. 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.	
2.	MINUTES - 23 OCTOBER 2024 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 23 October 2024.	(Pages 5 - 12)
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. The Chair will decide whether any item(s) raised will be considered.	
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.	
5.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public.	

- 6. STANDARDS MATTERS REPORT** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – LEGAL AND COMMUNITY/
MONITORING OFFICER. 13 - 20)

The report updates Members of the Committee on standards issues locally and nationally. It contains a summary of the complaints concluded or received since the last report was presented, as well as any other relevant issues that have arisen between Committee meetings on relevant local (e.g. training provided/ undertaken, and an update on the changes to the Standards Committee's remit).

- 7. ANNUAL WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY REVIEW** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – LEGAL AND COMMUNITY/
MONITORING OFFICER. 21 - 36)

The report deals with the review of the Council's Whistleblowing Policy and any concerns raised.