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## **Notice of Meeting**

Dear Member

### **Standards Committee**

The **Standards Committee** will meet in the **Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield** at **2.00 pm** on **Wednesday 18 March 2026**.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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**Samantha Lawton**

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Kirklees Council advocates openness and transparency as part of its democratic processes. Anyone wishing to record (film or audio) the public parts of the meeting should inform the Chair/Clerk of their intentions prior to the meeting.

## **Standards Committee**

### **Members**

Councillor Bill Armer (Chair)

Councillor Martyn Bolt

Councillor Eric Firth

Councillor Alison Munro

Councillor Cathy Scott

Councillor Mohan Sokhal

Green Party Vacancy

Craig Ainsworth – Co-opted Member

Mike Stow – Co-Opted Member

# Agenda

## Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

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**Pages**

**1: Membership of the Committee**

To receive any apologies for absence.

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**2: Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 24 September 2025.

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**3: Declaration of Interests**

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Committee Members will be asked to advise if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, or any other interests, which may prevent them from participating in the discussion or vote on any of the items.

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**4: Admission of the Public**

Most agenda items will be considered in public session, however, it shall be advised whether the Committee will consider any matters in private, by virtue of the reports containing information which falls within a category of exempt information as contained at Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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**5: Deputation/Petitions**

The Committee will receive any petitions and/or deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also submit a petition at the meeting relating to a matter on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, Members of the Public must submit a deputation in writing, at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting and shall subsequently be notified if the deputation shall be heard. A maximum of four deputations shall be heard at any one meeting.

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**6: Code of Conduct complaints update** 5 - 16

To receive the report.

Contact: David Stickley, Legal Services

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**7: Cases and News Update** 17 - 40

To receive the report.

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**8: Update on Government Consultation 'Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authorities in England'** 41 - 48

To receive the report.

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