

# Standards Committee

26 February 2018

**Thursday 8 March 2018**, Room 0.01, Ground Floor, Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, commencing at **6.00 pm**.

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## 1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

# 2. Appointment of Substitute Members

To be notified of the appointment of any Substitute Members.

## 3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

You are invited **to declare** any registerable and/or non-registerable interests in matters appearing on the agenda, and the nature of that interest.

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4.	Minutes	4-12
	To confirm the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 25 January 2018 and the minutes of the Standards Sub-Committee meetings held on 23 November 2017 and 25 January 2018.	
5.	Invited Guests	
	To Invite guests to share their views with the Standards Committee on the promotion of high ethical standards and governance by Elected Members' and Co-opted Members'.	
6.	Standards Committee Action Plan/Work Programme 2017-18 Update	13-19
	To consider progress on the Action Plan/Work Programme of the Standards Committee up to 31 March 2018.	
7.	Standards Committee Draft Annual Report 2017-18	20-35
	To receive the Standards Committee Draft Annual Report 2017-18 for consideration by the Committee prior to its finalisation and submission to the Annual Council meeting on 17 May 2018.	
8.	Consultation - Local Government Ethical Standards	36-41
	To advise the Committee that 'The Committee on Standards in Public Life' has launched its consultation to inform its review of local government ethical standards.	
9.	Cabinet Office – The Ministerial Code	42-80
	To advise the Committee of the publication by the Cabinet Office of the Ministerial Code that deals with a number of ethical governance issues which may be of relevance to the Authority.	

#### **Circulated to All Members of the Standards Committee:**

Councillor Brian Burdis

Councillor Eddie Darke

Councillor Peter Earley

Councillor Janet Hunter

Councillor Carl Johnson (Chair)

Councillor Frank Lott

Councillor Paul Mason

Councillor Bruce Pickard

Councillor Martin Rankin (Deputy Chair)

#### Also circulated to:

Mr George Clark – Independent Person Mrs Stella Gardner – Independent Person