

COMMITTEE REF:

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NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE : STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE : MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2015

TIME : 18:00

**PLACE : COMMITTEE ROOM 3
TOWN HALL, LUTON, LU1 2BQ**

**COUNCILLORS : M. J. DOLLING
HUSSAIN
MOLES
PETTS
WORLDING**

**INDEPENDENT MEMBERS: MR J. JONES (CHAIR)
MR J. HEARNshaw (VICE-CHAIR)
MS P. BRENNAN
MRS M. BRIGGS
MS M. WILLIAMS**

**QUORUM : 5 MEMBERS (INCLUDING AT LEAST 2
INDEPENDENT MEMBERS)**

Name (01582 547149)

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC


PURPOSE: This Committee considers any allegations that a Member has breached the Council's Code of Conduct for Members, relevant Standing Orders or the National Code of Local Government Conduct; it advises individual Members on matters of conduct; and advises and makes recommendations to the Council on training for Members on issues of conduct.


This meeting is open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

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EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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Turn left, follow the green emergency exit signs to the main town hall entrance and proceed to the assembly point at St George's Square.

Committee Room 3:

Proceed straight ahead through the double doors, follow the green emergency exit signs to the main Town Hall entrance and proceed to the assembly point at St George's Square.

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2 **MINUTES**

2.1 **19th May 2015** 4 - 4

3 **SECTION 106, LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992**

Those item(s) on the Agenda affected by Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 will be identified at the meeting. Any Members so affected is reminded that (s)he should disclose the fact and refrain from voting on those item(s).

4 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Members are reminded that they must disclose both the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and any personal interest that they have in any matter to be considered at the meeting unless the interest is a sensitive interest in which event they need not disclose the nature of the interest.

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest must not further participate in any discussion of, vote on, or take any executive steps in relation to the item of business.

A member with a personal interest, which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgment of the public interest, must similarly not participate in any discussion of, vote on, or take any executive steps in relation to the item of business.

Disclosable pecuniary interests and Personal Interests are defined in the Council's Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted members.

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URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair to report on any business which is considered to be urgent and which should be discussed at the meeting in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 and to determine when, during the meeting, any such business should be discussed.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, PART VA

To consider whether to pass a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of any item listed above if it is likely that if members of the public were present during those items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information falling within the Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.