



Uttlesford District Council

Chief Executive: Dawn French

Standards Committee

Date: Monday, 16th March, 2020

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: Committee Room - Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden,
Essex CB11 4ER

Chair: Councillor N Reeve

Members: Councillors H Asker, S Barker, M Foley, N Gregory, V Isham (Vice-Chair), A Khan, B Light and E Oliver

Other Mrs G Butcher-Doulton, Mr D Pearl and Mrs C

Attendees: Wellingbrook-Doswell (Independent Persons)

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AGENDA PART 1

Open to Public and Press

1 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

To receive any apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

2 Minutes of Previous Meetings

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To consider the minutes of the meetings on 17 June 2019 and 21 January 2020.

3 Committee on Standards in Public Life: Local Government Ethical Standards Report 9 - 18

To receive the executive summary, recommendations and best practice note from the Local Government Ethical Standards report from the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

The full report is available [here](#):

Most of the major recommendations, including strengthening sanctions, require primary legislation but there is no indication of when this might be brought forward. Recommendations around promoting a revised national Code do not, however, need legislation. Solicitors and consultants have been appointed to work on a draft Code. In February, they hosted 3 workshops at the Local Government Association to discuss the content of the new code, attended by representatives from the LGA, local government lawyers, the National Association of Local Councillors and the Society of Local Council Clerks.

The hope was that a draft Code would be available for consultation in Spring but no firmer date is available. The Standards Committee will be invited to comment on the draft.

4 Committee on Standards in Public Life: Artificial Intelligence Report 19 - 22

To receive the executive summary and recommendations of the Artificial Intelligence report from the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

The full report is available at [here](#).

5 Committee on Standards in Public Life: Intimidation in Public Life: Letter to Political Parties on Election Pledge 23 - 25

To receive the letter to political parties on intimidation in public life from the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

6 Member Training for 2020/21

To discuss member training needs for 2020/21 municipal year.

7 Review of Standards Panel Hearing on 21 January 2020

This is an opportunity for Panel members to reflect on the hearing and to lead a discussion with other members.

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