



# Uttlesford District Council

Chief Executive: Peter Holt

## Standards Committee

**Date:** Wednesday, 21st September, 2022

**Time:** 5.00 pm

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

**Chairman:** Councillor G LeCount

**Members:** Councillors H Asker (Vice-Chair), S Barker, A Dean, M Foley,  
N Gregory, A Khan, M Lemon and B Light

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

**Attendees:** Wellingbrook-Doswell (Independent Persons)

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The Council Chamber is subject to capacity limits and seats will be available on a first come first serve basis. Please contact Democratic Services if you wish to reserve a seat. Contact details and further information on public speaking arrangements can be found overleaf.

# 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 the previous meeting** 5 - 9  
To consider the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 3 Review of the Standards Code of Conduct** 10 - 29  
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- 4 Best Practice Points and and the Government response to the Committee on Standards in Public Life's review of Local Government Ethical Standards.** 30 - 45  
To note Best Practice Points and and the Government response to the Committee on Standards in Public Life's review of Local Government Ethical Standards.
- 5 Code of Conduct Complaints Summary** 46 - 55  
To review the Code Conduct Complaints Summary.
- 6 Standards of Discourse in Public Life** 56 - 58  
To consider the report on Standards of Discourse in public life.

## **MEETINGS AND THE PUBLIC**

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