

DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY,
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DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY, PERFORMANCE
AND GOVERNANCE
Paul Dodson

26 August 2020

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the;

JOINT STANDARDS COMMITTEE

on **THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2020** at 9.30 am.

Please note this is a **remote meeting** -Members to access the meeting via Teams. Members of the Press & Public may listen to the live stream on the Council's website:

<https://democracy.maldon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=148&MIId=2232>

A copy of the agenda is attached.

Yours faithfully



Director of Strategy, Performance and Governance

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP	CHAIRMAN	<i>To be appointed</i>
	VICE-CHAIRMAN	<i>To be appointed</i>
	COUNCILLORS	M G Bassenger Mrs P A Channer, CC M W Helm K W Jarvis C Mayes S P Nunn W Stamp Mrs M E Thompson
	TOWN COUNCILLOR (non-voting)	Councillor P Stilts
	INDEPENDENT PERSON (non-voting)	Mr N Hodson

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AGENDA
JOINT STANDARDS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2020

1. **Election of Chairman**

To elect a Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

2. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

3. **Chairman's notices (please see below)**

4. **Apologies for Absence**

5. **Minutes of the last meeting** (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 30 January 2020, (copy enclosed).

6. **Disclosure of Interest**

To disclose the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, other Pecuniary Interests or Non-Pecuniary Interests relating to items of business on the agenda having regard to paragraphs 6-8 inclusive of the Code of Conduct for Members.

(Members are reminded that they are also required to disclose any such interests as soon as they become aware should the need arise throughout the meeting).

7. **Standards Complaint - Councillor Adrian Fluker** (Pages 11 - 54)

To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer, (copy enclosed).

8. **Any other items of business that the Chairman of the Committee decides are urgent**

NOTICES

Sound Recording of Meeting

Please note that the Council will be recording and publishing on the Council's website any part of this meeting held in open session. At the start of the meeting an announcement will be made about the recording.

Procedure for complaints determination - Joint Standards Committee

1. The Chairman welcomes everyone and then follows the agenda requirements before moving to procedure 2 below.
2. The Investigator or Monitoring Officer (if investigator is absent) invited to summarise the conclusion of the report and to make any clarifying remarks. (see footnote).
3. The Member concerned invited to ask any questions of clarification of the Investigator/Monitoring Officer.
4. The Committee Members and Independent Person invited to ask the Investigator/Monitoring Officer any questions.
5. The Member concerned invited to make any representations.
6. The Committee Members and Independent Person invited to ask questions of the Member concerned.
7. The Independent Person invited to make any representations or give advice.
8. The Committee decides if there is a breach of the Code of Conduct.
9. If there is a breach the Committee decides what sanction, if any, should be imposed.
10. The Chairman declares final decision and closes the meeting.

If at anytime the Chairman believes that an adjournment is required to clarify any matter or discuss any issue this is an option at any stage.

Footnote: The meeting is of a committee and is not a court hearing. Questions should not be of a confrontational nature but only to clarify any doubts concerning the report. The Chairman may prevent further questioning if s/he considers that the questioning is too aggressive or confrontational