

AGENDA

STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 1 February 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Virtually via Microsoft Teams*

Membership:

Councillors Lloyd Bowen, Roger Clark, Nicholas Hampshire, Ken Ingleton, Elliott Jayes, Denise Knights, Hannah Perkin (Chair), Ken Rowles, Bill Tatton, Ghlin Whelan and Corrie Woodford.

Quorum = 3

Independent Person (non-voting): Mrs Patricia Richards and Christopher Webb.

Kent Association of Local Councils representatives (non-voting): Mr Graham Addicott OBE.

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4. Minutes

To approve the [Minutes](#) of the meeting held on 27 September 2022 (Minute Nos. 326 -330) as a correct record.

5. Social Media Policy

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6. Verbal Update - Member Officer Protocol

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