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To: MEMBERS OF THE JOINT STANDARDS COMMITTEE
(Copies to all Members of the Council)

Dear Sir/Madam

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Joint Standards Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill on Monday, 20th January, 2025 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Members of the Committee are required to attend in person. Other Members may attend in person or participate online via MS Teams.

Information on how to observe the meeting will be published on the Council's website.

Yours faithfully

DAMIAN ROBERTS

Chief Executive

A G E N D A

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2. Apologies for Absence

3. Notification of Substitute Members 9 - 10
4. Declarations of Interest 11 - 12

Members are reminded of their obligation under the Council's Code of Conduct to disclose any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests in any matter(s) to be considered or being considered at the meeting. These are explained in the Code of Conduct on the Council's website at [Code of conduct for members – Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council \(tmbc.gov.uk\)](https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/code-of-conduct-for-members).

Members in any doubt about such declarations are advised to contact Legal or Democratic Services in advance of the meeting.

5. Minutes 13 - 16

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee held on 5 June 2024.

Matters to be Taken Under Delegated Powers

6. Consultation - Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authorities in England 17 - 60

The report presents the consultation on strengthening the standards and conduct framework, published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 18 December 2024, together with a proposed response for approval by the Committee.

Matters submitted for Information

7. Complaints Update 61 - 66

This report updates Members on the complaints made to me as Monitoring Officer that a Member may have failed to comply with their authority's Code of Conduct.

8. Urgent Items 67 - 68

Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent due to special circumstances and of which notice has been given to the Chief Executive.

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The Chairman to move that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting during consideration of any items the publication of which would disclose exempt information.

PART 2 - PRIVATE

10. Urgent Items

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Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent due to special circumstances and of which notice has been given to the Chief Executive.

MEMBERSHIP

Cllr D A S Davis (Chair)
Cllr Mrs S Bell (Vice-Chair)

Cllr K Barton
Cllr A G Bennison
Cllr G C Bridge
Cllr Mrs T Dean
Cllr J R S Lark

Cllr B A Parry
Cllr M R Rhodes
Cllr R V Roud
Cllr K B Tanner

Parish and Town Representatives:

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Mr G Hook
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Mr O Baldock
Mr A Petty
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Mr M Carboni
Prof M McKinlay
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