



# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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9 January 2026

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, 19th January, 2026 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

1. Guidance on the Conduct of Meetings 5 - 8

### **PART 1 - PUBLIC**

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 \(tmbc.gov.uk\)](http://Code of conduct for members – Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council (tmbc.gov.uk)).

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

5.	Minutes	13 - 16
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To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Standards Committee held on 2 June 2025.

#### **Matters submitted for Information**

6.	Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authorities in England - Outcome of Government Consultation	17 - 28
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This report informs Members of the outcome of the Government's consultation "Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England", together with the actions proposed by the Government in response.

7.	Code of Conduct Complaints Update	29 - 34
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This report updates Members on the complaints made to the Monitoring Officer that a Member may have failed to comply with their authority's Code of Conduct.

8.	Urgent Items	35 - 36
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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.

#### **Matters for consideration in Private**

9.	Exclusion of Press and Public	37 - 38
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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	39 - 40
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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 G C Bridge  
Cllr Mrs T Dean  
Cllr S M Hammond  
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:**

Vacancy  
Mr A Sullivan  
Mr J Reading  
Mr B Stead  
Mr N Newman  
Mr M Williams  
Mr O Baldock  
Mr A Petty  
Mrs W Palmer  
Mr M Carboni  
Prof M McKinlay  
Ms K Mordecai-Wolfe  
Mr D Gaunt  
Mr D Beach  
  
Mr D Mercier  
Mr P Cummins

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Burham  
Ditton  
East Peckham  
Hadlow  
Kings Hill  
Platt  
Plaxtol  
Ryarsh  
Snodland  
Trottiscliffe  
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