

Meeting of the Standards Committee

**Monday, 12th January 2026 at 6.00pm
in Committee Room 3
at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley**

Agenda - Public Session (Meeting open to the public and press)

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To report on the appointment of any substitute members serving for this meeting of the Committee.
3. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct.
4. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October 2025 (Pages 4 to 8)
5. Progress Tracker – Standards Committee 2025/26 (Page 9)
6. Proposed Changes to the Standards Regime (Pages 10 to 13)
7. Mandatory training requirements for Elected Members (Pages 14 to 16)
8. Member Officer Charter (Pages 17 - 36)
9. To consider any questions from Members to the Chair where two clear days notice has been given to the Monitoring Officer (Council Procedure Rule 11).

**Balvinder Heran
Chief Executive
Dated: 2nd January 2026**



Distribution:

Members of the Standards Committee:

Councillor K Razzaq (Chair)

R Fisher (Independent Co-Chair)

Councillor J Hill (Vice-Chair)

Councillors F Barras, C Bayton, H Bills, A Hopwood, M Hussain, P Lee and A Tromans.

Independent Persons: R Phillips and W Read.

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