



AGENDA

MEETING: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

[Membership: Mark Corner, Neil Heseltine, David Ireton, Carl Lis and Neil Swain]

VENUE: The National Park Authority Office, Yoredale, Bainbridge DL8 3EL

DATE/TIME: Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 1.00pm

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- 10 Urgent business - where the Chair has agreed that there are special circumstances.

David Butterworth
Chief Executive
National Park Office,
Yoredale, Bainbridge
25 January 2023

Standards Committee – Terms of Reference

- B4.1 Following receipt of a written allegation that a Member of the Authority has failed to comply with the Authority’s Code of Conduct for Members, to consider (in accordance with the Authority’s criteria for assessing complaints) what action, if any, should be taken, and in particular whether an investigation should be undertaken.
- B4.2 To decide (in accordance with the Authority’s Determination Procedures) whether a Member of the Authority has or has not failed to comply with the Authority’s Code of Conduct for Members.
- B4.3 Following a decision by the Committee that a Member of the Authority has failed to comply with the Authority’s Code of Conduct for Members, to decide whether to take action in relation to the Member and, if so, what action to take or recommend the Authority to take.
- B4.4 To decide upon written applications by Members of the Authority for a dispensation to speak, or to speak and to vote, on any matter coming before the Authority and/or its Committees in relation to which the Member making the application has a disclosable pecuniary interest; and to decide the terms of any dispensation granted.
- B4.5 To make recommendations to the Authority on issues of Member conduct, where these arise out of its consideration of matters referred to in paragraphs B 4.1 – B 4.4 above.
- B4.6 To make recommendations to the Authority on the Authority’s Code of Conduct for Members and related policies.

Note:

Items B 4.1 – B 4.3 above are to be determined by the Committee after consultation with an Independent Person appointed by the Authority under Section 28 of the Localism Act 2011.