

Chair's Report – Standards Committee Meeting 22 October 2025

1. Update to Climate Change Working Group Terms of Reference

The Committee **resolved** to make a recommendation to Council to:

- a. Approve the change of name of the 'Climate Change Working Group' to the 'Climate and Nature Working Group',
- b. Approve the revised Terms of Reference as outlined in Appendix A of the report; and
- c. Adopt the changes into the Council's Constitution

2. Review of the Members Code of Conduct (provisional)

The Committee **resolved** to acknowledge the update on the review of the Councillor Code of Conduct.

3. Changes to Contract Standing Orders

The Committee **resolved** to:

- a. Consider the updated Contract Standing Orders; and
- b. Recommend that the Council approve the updated Contract Standing Orders as set out in the report.

4. Update on Standards Investigation

The Committee voted on both recommendations outlined in the report. As both votes resulted in a deadlock of 4 votes for and 4 votes against, the Committee were advised that both recommendations **FELL**.