

**Minutes of the Standards Committee
25 February 2026**

Present:

Councillors:

C. Bateson

D.L. Geraci

K.M. Grant

D.C. Clarke

M. Gibson

K. Howkins

Substitutions: Councillors A. Mathur

D. Saliagopoulos

T. Burrell

Apologies: Councillors J.R. Boughtflower, J. Button and M.J. Lee

1/26 Minutes

Councillor Geraci asked that it be noted he did not agree the minutes for the previous meeting.

The Committee **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2025.

2/26 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

3/26 Updated Contract Standing Orders

The Committee considered a report that sought:

1. Approval of the suggested amendments,

2. A recommendation to Council to agree the revised Contract Standing Orders and authorise the Monitoring Officer to update the Council's Constitution; and
3. To note the actions outlined in the report.

The report was presented by Amy Gibson, Head of Procurement at Runnymede Borough Council who has been working with Spelthorne since November 2025 to assist with improving procurement practices within the Council.

The Committee **resolved** to:

1. Approve the suggested amendments,
2. Recommend that the Council agree the revised Contract Standing Orders and authorise the Monitoring Officer to update the Council's Constitution; and
3. Agree the actions outlined in the report.

4/26 Amendments to the Constitution

The Committee considered a report that asked the Committee to:

1. Approve the proposed changes to the Constitution; and
2. Make a recommendation to Council that the Council's Constitution be amended.

The Committee **resolved** to:

1. Approve the proposed changes to the Constitution; and
2. Make a recommendation to Council that the Council's Constitution be amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 20.20

The meeting reconvened at 20.26

5/26 Revised arrangements for dealing with allegations of a breach of the Members Code of Conduct

The Committee considered a report from the Council's Monitoring Officer that sought approval of the revised arrangements for dealing with allegations of a breach of the Members Code of Conduct.

Following discussions, the Committee **resolved** to approve the revised arrangements for dealing with standards allegations under the Localism Act 2011, including the procedure rules for the Hearing Sub-Committee.