

**Meeting:** Democracy and Standards Committee (Additional)

Date: Monday 8th January 2024

Time: 7 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Corby Cube, George Street, Corby, Northants, NN17

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To members of the Democracy and Standards Committee

Councillor Andy Mercer (Chair), Councillor Ian Jelley (Vice-Chair), Councillor Jean Addison, Councillor Wendy Brackenbury, Councillor Robin Carter, Councillor Melanie Coleman, Councillor Emily Fedorowycz, Councillor Kirk Harrison, Councillor Matt Keane, Councillor Graham Lawman, Councillor Paul Marks, Councillor Dorothy Maxwell and Councillor Michael Tye

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and member	Requests from a ward councillor must also be received two clear working	
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