



**Meeting:** Democracy and Standards Committee

**Date:** Monday 3rd February, 2025

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber, Corby Cube, George Street, Corby, NN17 1QG

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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 Emily Fedorowycz, Councillor Matt Keane, Councillor Graham Lawman, Councillor Paul Marks, Councillor Dorothy Maxwell, Councillor Bill McElhinney, Councillor Simon Rielly and Councillor Kevin Watt

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Sanjit Sull, Monitoring Officer North Northamptonshire Council			

  
**Proper Officer**  
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<b>ITEM</b>	<b>NARRATIVE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Members of the Public Agenda Statements	Requests to address the committee must be received by 12 Noon on the day before the meeting. Speakers will be limited to speak for 3 minutes.	5pm 30 January 2024

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