



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**DATE: MONDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2021**

**TIME: 5:30 pm**

**PLACE: Meeting Room G.01, Ground Floor, City Hall, 115 Charles Street,  
Leicester, LE1 1FZ**

### **Members of the Committee**

Councillor Dr Barton (Chair)

Councillor Shelton (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Dr Moore and Rae Bhatia

One unallocated non-grouped place

Ms Fiona Barber (Independent Member)

Mr Mike Galvin (Independent Member)

Ms Jayne Kelly (Independent Member)

Ms Alison Lockley (Independent Member)

Mr Simon Smith (Independent Member)

### **Standing Invitees:**

Mr Michael Edwards (Independent Person)

Mr David Lindley (Independent Person)

Members of the Committee are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed overleaf.

For Monitoring Officer

### **Officer contacts:**

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## Information for members of the public

### Attending meetings and access to information

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Due to ongoing mitigations to prevent the transmission of COVID, public access in person is limited to ensure social distancing. If you wish to attend a meeting in person, you are required to contact the Democratic Support Officer in advance of the meeting regarding arrangements for public attendance. A guide to attending public meetings can be found here on the [Decisions, meetings and minutes page](#) of the Council website.

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To hold this meeting in as Covid-safe a way as possible, all attendees are asked to follow current Government guidance and:

- maintain distancing while entering and leaving the room/building;
- remain seated and maintain distancing between seats during the meeting;
- wear face coverings throughout the meeting unless speaking or exempt;
- make use of the hand sanitiser available;
- when moving about the building to follow signs about traffic flows, lift capacities etc;
- comply with Test and Trace requirements by scanning the QR code at the entrance to the building and/or giving their name and contact details at reception prior to the meeting;
- if you are displaying Coronavirus symptoms: a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, you should NOT attend the meeting, please stay at home, and get a PCR test.

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If you intend to film or make an audio recording of a meeting you are asked to notify the relevant Democratic Support Officer in advance of the meeting to ensure that participants can be notified in advance and consideration given to practicalities such as allocating appropriate space in the public gallery etc..

The aim of the Regulations and of the Council's policy is to encourage public interest and engagement so in recording or reporting on proceedings members of the public are asked:

- ✓ to respect the right of others to view and hear debates without interruption;

- ✓ to ensure that the sound on any device is fully muted and intrusive lighting avoided;
- ✓ where filming, to only focus on those people actively participating in the meeting;
- ✓ where filming, to (via the Chair of the meeting) ensure that those present are aware that they may be filmed and respect any requests to not be filmed.

### **Further information**

If you have any queries about any of the above or the business to be discussed, please contact: , **Democratic Support Officer on 0116 454 6358**. Alternatively, email [anita.james2@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:anita.james2@leicester.gov.uk), or call in at City Hall.

For Press Enquiries - please phone the **Communications Unit on 0116 454 4151**.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

### **AGENDA**

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#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed.

#### **3. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Members will be asked to note the Terms of Reference for the Standards Committee as set out in the Council's Constitution (page 67).

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/ud2pyqg5/our-constitution-july-2021.pdf>

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

To note the Membership of the Standards Committee 2021-22 as below:

Councillors:

Chair Councillor Dr Barton  
Vice Chair Councillor Shelton  
Councillor Dr Moore  
Councillor Rae Bhatia

Independent Members:

Ms Fiona Barber

Mr Mike Galvin  
Ms Jayne Kelly  
Mr Simon Smith  
Ms Alison Lockley

Standing Invitees:

Mr Michael Edwards – Independent Person  
Mr David Lindley – Independent Person

**5. DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2021-22**

The Monitoring Officer to report that following the meeting of Annual Council on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 the dates of the Standard Committee meetings for 2021-22 were confirmed.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 5.30pm

**6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** **Appendix A**

The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019, are attached and Members are asked to confirm that they are correct.

**7. LGA RECOMMENDED MODEL CODE**

Members to receive details of the LGA recommended model Code of Conduct and associated guidance.

Members will be asked to discuss and consider whether the Council should look to change its own Code of Conduct in light of the guidance.

**8. COMPLAINTS AGAINST COUNCILLORS - UPDATE**

Members to receive an overview of complaints received by the Monitoring Officer since the last meeting.

**9. PRIVATE SESSION**

For the purpose of dealing with items on the agenda as appropriate.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

Under the law, the Committee is entitled to consider certain items in private. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

The Committee is recommended to consider the following reports in private on the grounds that they contain 'exempt' information as defined by the Local

Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, as amended and consequently that the Cabinet makes the following resolution:-

“that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because they involve the likely disclosure of 'exempt' information, as defined in the Paragraphs detailed below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and taking all the circumstances into account, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the information as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Paragraph 1

Information relating to any individual.

Paragraph 2

Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

Paragraph 7c

The deliberations of a standards committee or of a sub-committee of a standards committee established under the provisions of Part 3 of the Local Government Act 2000 in reaching any finding on a matter referred under the provisions of section 60(2) or (3), 64(2), 70(4) or (5) or 71(2) of that Act.

**10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**