



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2022

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)

Councillor Dr Moore

Councillor 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 summoned to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed overleaf.

for the Monitoring Officer

Officer contact: Anita James
Democratic Support, Leicester City Council
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Information for members of the public

Attending meetings and access to information

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However, on occasion, meetings may, for reasons set out in law, need to consider some items in private.

Due to COVID restrictions, public access in person is limited to ensure social distancing.

Please 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:

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/decisions-meetings-and-minutes/public-attendance-at-council-meetings-during-covid-19/>

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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..

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- ✓ 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:

Anita James, **Democratic Support on (0116) 454 6358** or email anita.james2@leicester.gov.uk.

For Press Enquiries - please phone the **Communications Unit on 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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**Appendix A
(Pages 1 - 8)**

The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on 8 November 2021 are attached and Members are asked to confirm that they are correct.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT UPDATE

**Appendix B
(Pages 9 - 32)**

The Monitoring Officer submits the Draft Report to Council on the Code of Conduct.

Members are asked to note the report and make any amendments.

The report is attached for Members only, as it is still in draft form.

“In accordance with Rule 1 of Part 4B of the Constitution (Access to Information – Procedure Rules) the report is not available in the public domain as it is in ‘draft’ form and is only circulated to Members of the Committee at this stage. Should Members wish to discuss specific circumstances, the Monitoring Officer may need to advise Members to exclude the public and press and discuss the issues in private session.”

5. BIENNIAL COMPLAINTS ANALYSIS

**Appendix C
(Pages 33 - 46)**

The Monitoring Officer submits the Draft Bi-Annual Report of the Standards Committee July 2019 -June 2021 which provides and analysis of cases referred.

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6. COMPLAINT AGAINST COUNCILLORS - UPDATE

The Monitoring Officer submits a report giving feedback on complaints against Councillors reviewed and/or determined since the last meeting and updating the Committee on progress with outstanding complaints against Councillors. The Committee is recommended to receive and note the report.

7. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS