



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2023

TIME: 5:30 pm

**PLACE: Meeting Room G.02, Ground Floor, City Hall, 115 Charles Street,
Leicester, LE1 1FZ**

Members of the Committee

Councillor Dr Barton (Chair)

Councillor Joannou

Councillor Dr Moore

Councillor Whittle

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

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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. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

Appendix A

The Committee is asked to review the attached terms of reference.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Appendix B

The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on 27 April 2022 are attached and Members are asked to confirm that they are correct.

**5. BIENNIAL REPORT OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE
JULY 2021 - JUNE 2023 ANALYSIS OF MEMBER
COMPLAINTS**

Appendix C

The Monitoring Officer submits a report to dealing with Elected Member complaints for the period 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2023.

6. ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH STANDARDS COMPLAINTS AT LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 **Appendix D**

The Monitoring Officer submits a copy of the current procedural 'arrangements', for review by the Committee.

A copy of the arrangements is attached and can also be accessed via the following link:

[arrangements-for-dealing-with-standards-complaints-july-2017.pdf](https://www.leicester.gov.uk/arrangements-for-dealing-with-standards-complaints-july-2017.pdf)
(leicester.gov.uk)

7. COMPLAINT AGAINST COUNCILLORS - UPDATE **Appendix E**

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.

8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS