



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**DATE: TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2017**

**TIME: 5:30 pm**

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

### **Members of the Committee**

Councillor Byrne (Chair)

Councillor Shelton (Vice-Chair)

Councillor 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

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# **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**

**Appendix A  
(Pages 1 - 2)**

To note the attached Terms of Reference for the Committee and Standards Advisory Board.

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

The Monitoring Officer to report that the current membership of the Committee is as follows:-

##### Councillors:

Chair: Councillor Byrne  
Vice Chair: Councillor Shelton  
Councillor Moore  
Councillor Rae Bhatia

##### Independent Members:

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

##### Standing Invitees:

Mr Michael Edwards (Independent Person)  
Mr David Lindley (Independent Person)

## **5. DATES OF MEETINGS 2017-18**

The Monitoring Officer to report, that following the meeting of Council on 11 May 2017, the dates of Committee meetings for 2017-18 were reserved on the following dates:-

Wednesday 28 November 2017 5.30pm

Tuesday 13 March 2018 5.30pm

All meetings will be held at City Hall.

## **6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Appendix B  
(Pages 3 - 6)**

The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on 22 November 2017, are attached and Members are asked to confirm that they are correct.

## **7. STANDARDS ARRANGEMENTS - REVISIONS**

**Appendix C  
(Pages 7 - 16)**

The Monitoring Officer submits a report seeking the Committee's views on proposed changes to the 'Arrangements' for dealing with complaints against Members and co-opted Members under the Localism Act 2011 and a change to the Committee's Terms of Reference.

## **8. DISCUSSION PAPER - MEETINGS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Appendix D  
(Pages 17 - 22)**

The Monitoring Officer submits a discussion paper seeking to generate discussion and develop proposals for the way in which the Standards Committee conducts its business. Currently, the Committee schedules three meetings per municipal year. Owing to the fact that the vast bulk of the work of adjudicating upon individual complaints is, since 2012, not undertaken at Committee level, it is prudent to reflect upon the meeting schedule.

## **9. COMPLAINT AGAINST COUNCILLORS - UPDATE**

**Appendix E  
(Pages 23 - 24)**

The Monitoring Officer submits a report giving feedback on complaints against Councillors reviewed and/or determined from 15 November 2016 – 06 June 2017 and updating the Committee on progress with outstanding complaints against Councillors. The Committee is recommended to receive and note the report.

## **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE**

This report is a public document but during its consideration, Members may wish to discuss some of the issues in more detail. Under the law, the Committee is entitled to consider certain items in private. In this event, the Committee will make the following resolution and the press and members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

“that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following report in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because it involves 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. PRIVATE SESSION**

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HEARING PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS – COMPLAINT 2016-17

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**11. HEARING PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS -  
COMPLAINT 2016/11**

**Appendix F  
(Pages 25 - 44)**

The Monitoring Officer to submit a report seeking the acceptance of the Committee to the recommendations of the Hearing Panel following their determination of the complaint 2016/11 by Councillor Thomas against Councillor Porter.

**12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**