



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY 2014

TIME: 5:30 pm

**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM 2 - GROUND FLOOR, TOWN HALL,
TOWN HALL SQUARE, LEICESTER**

Members of the Committee

Councillor Waddington (Chair)

Councillor Senior (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Shelton

Councillor Sood

One Unfilled Place for a Non-Grouped Member

Ms Amanda Fitchett (Independent Member)

Mr Desmond Henderson (Independent Member)

Mr Stephen Purser (Independent Member)

Ms Fiona Barber (Independent Member)

1 Independent Member Vacancy

Standing Invitees:

Mr David Lindley (Independent Person)

Ms Caroline Roberts (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

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. RESIGNATION OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER

The Monitoring Officer to report the resignation of Ms Joanne Holland as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee and Standards Advisory Board.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Appendix A

The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on 10 April 2014 are attached and Members are asked to confirm them.

5. MONITORING OFFICER UPDATE ON MATTERS CONSIDERED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Monitoring Officer to provide an update on matters which have been considered at previous meetings including the following:-

- a) Vexatious Complainant – definition – See attached paper at Appendix B.
- b) Social Media Guidance.
- c) Independent Person Protocol.

6. WORK PROGRAMME

To discuss items for the Committee's work programme for the municipal year 2014/15.

At present a 'Review of the Code of Conduct and Associated Arrangements' has been scheduled for the meeting on 8 October 2014.

Training and updates for Members on code of conduct as the regime progresses nationally has been suggested.

Members are invited to suggest items for the work programme.

7. CORPORATE COMPLAINTS MONITORING

Appendix B

At the last meeting of the Committee, the Director of Information and Customer Access was requested to attend the meeting to present the revised monitoring information on the corporate complaints system. A copy of a report to the

Operations Board and the revised monitoring information is attached.

8. COMPLAINT AGAINST COUNCILLORS

The Monitoring Officer to report that no new complaints have been received against Councillors since the Committee's meeting held on 30 January 2014.

9. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS