



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2018
TIME: 5:30 pm
**PLACE: Meeting Room G.03 - City Hall, 115 Charles Street,
Leicester, LE1 1FZ**

Members of the Board (for this meeting)

Councillor Shelton

Ms Fiona Barber (Independent Member)

Mr Mike Galvin (Independent Member)

Standing Invitee:

Mr Michael Edwards (Independent Person)

Members of the Board are invited 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. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

To appoint a Chair for this meeting

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

4. METHOD OF OPERATION OF THE BOARD

The City Barrister and Head of Standards to outline the operation and role of the Board.

5. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

6. PRIVATE SESSION

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 7A

Information which is subject to any obligation of confidentiality.

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.

7. COMPLAINT AGAINST A COUNCILLOR: TO CONSIDER THE INVESTIGATOR'S FINDINGS **Appendix B1**
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The Monitoring Officer submits a report on a complaint received against a Councillor. The Board is asked to review the evidence and decide whether to (i) take no action or (ii) refer the matter to a hearing sub-committee.

Appendix B1

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of the Local Government Act 1972.

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