



Leicester
City Council

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25th January 2010
27th January 2010

Standards Committee First Annual Report 2008 - 2009

Report of the Independent Chair of Standards Committee

1. Purpose of Report

To note the achievements of the Standards Committee for the year 2008 – 2009 and to consider the challenges for the year ahead.

2. Recommendations

Cabinet is asked to note the achievements of the Standards Committee and note the actions for the forthcoming year.

Council is also asked to note the achievements of the Standards Committee and note the actions for the forthcoming year.

3. Report

Over the past two years the Standards Committee has grown in numbers and extended its remit so that it is now plays a central role in developing the council's ethical framework. It has delivered well on its agenda of upholding standards and increasing awareness of conduct issues.

There are three independent members who have brought new perspectives and leadership skills to the Committee and helped to establish a regime of training and local complaint handling. All Committee members have played a very active role in promoting dialogue on standards issues with senior council figures and reviewing documentation relevant to ethical governance. They have devoted much time and skill to ensure that the council responds appropriately and professionally to complaints made against elected members. The Committee recognised the complexity, ambiguity and the bureaucratic nature of the complaints procedures, but have now developed a workable system for dealing with this.

It has become clear that Leicester City council enjoys a good reputation with a lower than average number of complaints and, to date, no findings of breach of the Code of Conduct.

I feel proud serve as Chair this committee and look forward to the challenges of the year ahead. A summary of our achievements and these challenges are included overleaf.

4. Legal and Financial Implications

None.

5. Report Author

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Key Decision	No
Reason	N/A
Appeared in Forward Plan	N/A
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)

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