



Leicester  
City Council

**MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2004**  
**TIME: 5.30 PM**  
**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM 2, 'B' BLOCK, NEW WALK CENTRE,  
KING STREET, LEICESTER**

**Members of the Committee**

Ms. Jill Bellingham (Independent Member) - Chair  
Mrs. Caroline Roberts (Independent Member)

Councillors Coley, Draycott, and O'Brien

Members of the Committee are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed overleaf.

for Town Clerk

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# **PUBLIC SESSION**

## **AGENDA**

### **1. 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.

### **2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Appendix A**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 September 2004 are attached and it is requested that they be confirmed as a correct record.

### **3. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

#### **i) Third Annual Assembly of Standards Committees**

Caroline Roberts to report on her attendance at the recent Third Annual Assembly.

#### **ii) Fourth Annual Assembly of Standards Committees**

In the light of the previous item reporting back on the Third Annual Assembly, Members will wish to be aware that the dates for the Fourth Annual Assembly of Standards Committees have been announced. The dates are 5-6 September 2005 and the venue is the Interactive Conference Centre (ICC), Birmingham.

### **4. MEMBERS TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Service Director, (Democratic Services), to give a brief presentation on the current and planned training and development for Elected Members and the role of the Members Development Forum.

### **5. NEW ETHICAL FRAMEWORK REGULATIONS**

**Appendix B**

The Town Clerk and Corporate Director of Resources, Access and Diversity, submits a report that informs the Committee of regulations that provides for monitoring officers to carry out investigations into alleged breaches by members of their code of conduct which have been referred to them by an Ethical Standards Officer prior to his/her having carried out or concluded an investigation and Standards Committees being enabled to make determinations following such monitoring officer's reports; which clarifies that the Standards Board may issue advice to monitoring officers and local Standards Committees.

**6. CODE OF CONDUCT : REGISTERING OF INTERESTS Appendix C  
AND FREEMASONRY - REVISED GUIDANCE**

The Town Clerk and Corporate Director of Resources, Access and Diversity submits a report that advises Members on the revised guidance issued by the Standards Board for England in relation to Members Declarations concerning Freemasonry membership.

**7. COMPLAINTS AGAINST ELECTED MEMBERS**

The Town Clerk to brief Members on the current number and nature of complaints against Elected Members.

**8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

