



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE 2007
TIME: 5.30 PM
**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM 2, TOWN HALL, TOWN HALL SQUARE,
LEICESTER**

Members of the Committee

Mrs. Sheila Brucciani (Independent Member) (Chair)

Councillors Coley, Draycott and Mugglestone

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. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. 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.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE 2007/08

The Committee is asked to note its membership for 2007/08, as set out on the front page of this agenda.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE 2007/08

Appendix A

The Committee is asked to note its Terms of Reference for 2007/08 as agreed by Council.

5. DATES OF MEETINGS 2007/08

The Committee is asked to approve the dates of meetings for 2007/08 as set out below: -

3 October 2007
21 November 2007
26 March 2008
23 January 2008

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF STANDARDS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the meeting of the Standards and Audit Committee held on 28 March 2007 have been circulated and the Committee is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

7. THE ROLE OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Service Director (Democratic Services) will give a presentation on the role of the Standards Committee.

8. REVISED MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS

Appendix B

The Town Clerk submits a report that asks the Committee to recommend to

Council the adoption of the revised Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members and to consider how Members should be best appraised of these new provisions.

A copy of the associated documentation is attached for Members only. Further copies are available on the Council's Website at: www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or phoning Committee Services on 229 8806.

9. COMPLAINTS RELATING TO ELECTED MEMBERS

The Service Director (Democratic Services) will circulate an up to date list of the nature of complaints against Elected Members.

10. 'DOWN TO DETAIL' ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES - BIRMINGHAM, 15 - 16 OCTOBER, 2007 **Appendix C**

The sixth Annual Assembly of Standards Committees - 'Down to Detail' is to be held at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham on 15 & 16 October, 2007. A copy of the Advance Programme is attached to the Meeting papers.

Members of the Committee may find attendance at this Conference of value to gain a national perspective on the issues currently facing Standards Committees, along with information concerning the developing Agenda and particularly the shift towards a more strategic role by the Standards Board for England, with an increased number and range of complaints referred for local determination.

Members are, therefore, asked to express a view concerning attendance in order that the required number of places can be booked.

11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

