



Leicester  
City Council

**MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 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, 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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27 June 2007 have been circulated and the Committee is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

**4. 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.

**5. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE: ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2006/7** **Appendix A**

The Corporate Director of Resources submits a report which aims to enable compliance with the requirements of the Council's Corporate Governance Code, inform members about new national guidance and proposals for updating the Authority's Corporate Governance Code; and report the position regarding Local Government Ombudsman complaints. The Committee is asked to review the position as summarised in this annual report and to forward any comments to Cabinet for consideration.

**6. ETHICAL GOVERNANCE - REVIEW AND INITIAL ACTION PLAN** **Appendix B**

The Corporate Director of Resources submits a report which provides a background to reviewing key elements of ethical governance within the City Council and identifies the actions necessary to ensure the maintenance of the highest standards. The Committee is asked to discuss the actions contained in paragraph 3.5 and agree whether they wish to pursue these.

**7. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND ADVICE: PREDISPOSITION, PRE-DETERMINATION OR BIAS** **Appendix C**

The Corporate Director of Resources submits a report which considers the issue of predisposition, predetermination or Bias and the Code of Conduct.

The Committee is asked to note and comment on the advice contained in the paper and agree how best to inform members of the issues.

**8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

