



Leicester  
City Council

**MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2007**

**TIME: 5.30 PM**

**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM 2, TOWN HALL, TOWN HALL SQUARE,  
LEICESTER**

**Members of the Committee**

Councillors Coley, Draycott, Mugglestone

Mrs. Sheila Brucciani (Independent Member) (Chair)

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 ABSENSE**

**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 THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3 October 2007 have been circulated and the Committee is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

**4. MEMBER COMPLAINT - REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Appendix A**

The Town Clerk submits a report of an investigation into the alleged conduct of a Councillor. The Committee is recommended to consider whether, based on the facts included in the report, there is a case to answer or agree with the findings of the Investigating Officer that there has not been a failure to comply with the City Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

**5. SIXTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE FEEDBACK**

The Chair of the Committee, along with officers who also attended the Sixth Annual Assembly of Standards Committees, will provide feedback on the key issues discussed, including the local filtering of complains by Standards Committees which is expected to come into effect in April 2008.

**6. THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND - REVISED MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT - FACT SHEETS AND DVD Appendix B**

The Service Director for Democratic Services submits a report containing material produced by the Standards Board for England on the key elements of the Revised Code of Conduct for Members.

**7. COMPLAINTS RELATING TO ELECTED MEMEBERS**

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

**8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

*\*\*Immediately following the conclusion of the formal business of the Committee there will be an opportunity for Members to view the Standards Board for England DVD 'The Code Uncovered', running time 33 minutes, which uses a dramatised scenario to illustrate the lead-up to a potentially explosive planning committee meeting, and highlights the key changes to the revised Code of Conduct for Members. \*\**

