



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY 2008
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 Blower, Clair, Corrall, Draycott, Keeling, Mugglestone

Independent Members: Ms Kathryn McLeod, Ms Mary Ray

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 **Appendix A**

The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 14 May 2008 are attached and the Committee is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Members are asked to note the membership of the Committee for the municipal year 2008-09 as stated on the front of the agenda.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES **Appendix B**

Members are asked to note the Terms of Reference for the Standards Committee and to approve the establishment of a Standards Sub-Committee (Initial Assessment) and a Standards Sub-Committee (Review), with the Terms of Reference as attached.

6. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007-08 **Appendix C**

The Director of Resources submits a report that enables compliance with the requirements of the Council's Corporate Governance Code by carrying out an annual review of Corporate Governance arrangements for the year 2007/8, and reports the position regarding Local Government Ombudsman complaints. The Committee is asked to review the position as summarised in the annual report and to forward on comments to Cabinet for consideration.

Copies of Appendix 2 are available on the Council's website at www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or by phoning Committee Services on 229 8816.

7. TRAINING FOR LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS

The Service Director, Democratic Services will report verbally on training for local arrangements for dealing with complaints. Members are recommended to note the verbal report.

**8. STANDARDS COMMITTEE (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2008**

The Town Clerk will give a verbal update regarding the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008. Members are recommended to note the information reported.

**9. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND (SBE) - [Appendix D](#)
BULLETIN**

The Town Clerk submits a report giving details of the latest Standards Board for England Bulletin. The Committee is requested to note the contents of the bulletin.

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

