



Leicester  
City Council

**MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 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)

Ms Kate McLeod (Independent Member)

Ms Mary Ray (Independent Member)

Councillors, Clair, Corrall, Joshi, Keeling, Mugglestone, Russell

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 Standards Committee held on 10 September 2008 have previously been circulated and the Committee is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

**4. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES - A CONSULTATION** **Appendix A**

The Monitoring Officer submits a report that draws Members' attention to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) consultation on "Codes of Conduct for Local Authority Members and Employees". The consultation was launched in October and responses are sought by 24<sup>th</sup> December. Members are asked to consider the DCLG consultation document and provide comments on it.

**5. 7TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES** **Appendix B**

The Monitoring Officer submits a report that enables the Committee to review issues arising and action needed following attendance of members and officers at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of Standards Committees, 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, Birmingham. The Committee is recommended to review feedback from officers and members who attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly so as to assess what issues need to be addressed and, where appropriate, included it in the Committee's work programme.

**6. ACTION PLAN/ WORK PROGRAMME** **Appendix C**

The Monitoring Officer submits a report that presents an initial work programme for the Standards Committee. Members are asked to consider and agree the work programme.

**7. PUBLIC/PRIVATE LIFE GUIDANCE** **Appendix D**

The Monitoring Officer submits a report that enables the Committee to review the current position regarding application of the Code of Conduct for Elected Members to private as well as public life. The Committee is asked to note the current position as set out in this report and to consider whether any further support and guidance is required for members at this stage.

**8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

