



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2009

TIME: 5.30 PM

**PLACE: FOUNTAIN ROOM, TOWN HALL, TOWN HALL SQUARE,
LEICESTER**

Members of the Committee

Councillors Clair, Corrall, Draycott, Keeling, Mugglestone, Thomas

Mrs Sheila Brucciani (Independent Member) (Chair)

Ms Kate McLeod (Independent Member)

Ms Mary Ray (Independent Member)

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 if 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 12 November 2008, are attached and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. REVIEW OF ASSESSMENT CRITERIA [Appendix B](#)

The Monitoring Officer submits a report that asks the Standards Committee to review its current assessment criteria including the weight to be given to hearsay evidence and how to deal with vexatious complaints about members.

**5. STANDARDS ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE - [Appendix C](#)
ASSESSMENT FLOWCHART**

The Monitoring Officer submits a report that introduces a flowchart of the questions and issues that need to be addressed at an Assessment Sub-Committee meeting. The Standards Committee is asked to offer its comments on the flowchart and decide whether it wishes to adopt it as a desk aid at all Assessment Sub-Committee meetings.

6. REVIEW OF POLITICAL CONVENTIONS [Appendix D](#)

The Monitoring Officer submits a report that enables the Standards Committee to consider the need to review the Council's political conventions. Members are invited to comment on the need and potential scope of a review of the Council's Political Conventions and decide how to take this matter forward.

**7. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND - QUARTERLY [Appendix E](#)
RETURN SUBMISSION STATISTICS**

The Monitoring Officer submits a report that gives statistics regarding the second quarterly return to the Standards Board for England of complaints received against Councillors. The Standards Committee is asked to note the

report.

**8. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND (SBE)
BULLETIN**

Appendix F

The Monitoring Officer submits for information, the latest Standards Board for England bulletin (Issue 41). The Committee is requested to note the contents of the bulletin.

9. STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Appendix G

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

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

