



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2009
TIME: 5.30 PM
PLACE: FOUNTAIN ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, TOWN HALL

Members of the Committee

Councillors Clair, Corrall, Draycott, Keeling, Mugglestone and 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 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 11 March 2009, are attached, and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. CODE OF PRACTICE FOR LICENSING DECISIONS

Anthony Cross, Head of Environment Advocacy and Law, will discuss with the Committee, issues regarding a proposed Code of Practice for Licensing decisions.

5. STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE INITIAL ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW FLOWCHART

Appendix B

The Monitoring Officer submits an updated flowchart, following comments made by the Standards Committee at the meeting held on 11 March 2009. Members are recommended to accept the flowchart for use during initial assessments and reviews of complaints against Councillors.

6. INDEMNIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

The Monitoring Officer will report verbally on the issue of indemnification arrangements for Independent Members.

7. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND - QUARTERLY RETURN SUBMISSION STATISTICS

Appendix C

The Monitoring Officer submits a report that gives a summary of complaints received and the outcomes of these complaints, and gives a comparison between Leicester City Council and other local authorities.

8. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND BULLETIN NUMBER 43 [Appendix D](#)

The Monitoring Officer submits, for information, the latest Bulletin from the Standards Board for England.

9. STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME [Appendix E](#)

The Monitoring Officer submits a report that outlines the current work programme of the Standards Committee. Members are recommended to note the work programme and make any comments as they see fit.

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

