



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2009
TIME: 5.30 PM
PLACE: Room 18, Ground Floor, Town Hall

Members of the Committee

Councillors Corrall, Draycott, Keeling, Scuplak, Shelton 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 Director of Democratic Services

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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 16 September 2009, are attached and Members are asked to confirm the as a correct record.

**4. STANDARDS COMMITTEE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT [Appendix B](#)
2007-2009**

The Chair submits a report that notes the achievements of the Standards Committee for the year 2007 – 2009 and to consider the challenges for the year ahead. Members are invited to note the report and consider the actions for the following year.

**5. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES [Appendix C](#)
ON 12TH AND 13TH OCTOBER**

The Solicitor and Monitoring Officer submits a report that provides the Committee with feedback from the Annual Assembly of Standards Committees, to summarise learning points and recommend action to be taken. The Committee is recommended to note the feedback from the Assembly and to decide on action to be taken.

6. MEMBER CONDUCT AT MEETINGS [Appendix D](#)

The Solicitor and Monitoring Officer submits a report that reviews the 'Member Conduct at Meetings' Protocol as agreed by the Standards Committee on 24th March 2004. Members are asked to comment on the revised Protocol and agree its adoption.

7. MEDIATION AND OTHER ACTION [Appendix E](#)

The Solicitor and Monitoring Officer submits a report that enables the Committee to consider use of mediation and other action when dealing with complaints about Members' conduct. The Committee is asked to note the

information in the report and to support the use of mediation as a means of resolving complaints at any stage in the process where appropriate.

8. STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2009 WORK PROGRAMME

Appendix F

The Solicitor and Monitoring Officer submits the Annual Work Programme for the Standards Committee. Members are recommended to note the Work Programme and make comments as they see fit.

9. CODE OF PRACTICE - MEMBER INVOLVEMENT IN LICENSING DECISION-MAKING

The Head of Litigation apologises to the Committee for the fact that, owing to pressure of work, he has not been able to finalise the Code for initial discussion with the Chair of the Licensing Committee, prior to preparing a report on the proposed Code for consideration by both the Licensing Committee and the Standards Committee.

The revised draft Code will be forwarded to the Licensing Committee Chair and, for information, to the Cabinet Lead Member for the Environment in the next week. The Code is required to dovetail with the existing Code of Practice on Licensing Hearings and will necessitate amendments to the existing Code which will require the approval of the Licensing Committee.

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS