



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 17 MARCH 2010

TIME: 5.30 PM

PLACE:

Members of the Committee

Councillors Clair, 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 Corporate Governance

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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 THE PREVIOUS MEETING **Appendix A**

The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 13 January 2010 and the Special Meeting of the Standards Committee held on 8 February 2010 are attached and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. COMPLAINTS ABOUT COUNCILLORS - **Appendix B**
INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS

The Monitoring Officer submits an amended version of the flowchart that details information that would be given to all Members who are subject to complaints, in response to comments made by the Committee in January. Members are asked to note and comment on the amended flowchart information.

5. TERM OF OFFICE FOR INDEPENDENT MEMBERS **Appendix C**
AND CHAIRS

The Monitoring Officer submits a report concerning whether the Independent Members and the Chair of the Standards Committee should have a fixed term of office, and if so how long that should be. Members are asked to discuss and choose an option, as set out in Paragraph 3.6 of the report.

6. STANDARDS FOR BLOGGING - GUIDANCE FOR **Appendix D**
COUNCILLORS

The Monitoring Officer submits a briefing note from Standards for England that provides guidance on Standards for Blogging for Members. Members are recommended to note guidance and make comments as they see fit.

7. STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND - BULLETIN 47 **Appendix E**

The Monitoring Officer submits the latest Bulletin from Standards for England. Members are recommended to discuss and note the contents of the Bulletin.

**8. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL WORK
PROGRAMME 2010**

Appendix F

The 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. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS