



Leicester  
City Council

**MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, 30 JUNE 2010**  
**TIME: 5.30 PM**  
**PLACE: FOUNTAIN ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, TOWN HALL**

**Members of the Committee**

Councillors Clair, Draycott, Keeling, Porter, Potter 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 PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Appendix A**

The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on 17 March 2010, are attached and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

**4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Members are asked to note the membership of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2010-11 as listed on the front of the agenda.

**5. STANDARDS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Appendix B**

Members are asked to note the terms of reference for the Standards Committee and Standards Sub-Committees (Initial Assessment and Review).

**6. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Members are asked to note the dates for meetings of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2010-11 as follows (all meetings to start at 5.30pm.)

Wednesday 21 July 2010

Wednesday 8 September 2010

Wednesday 21 November 2010

Wednesday 12 January 2011

Wednesday 16 March 2011

**7. CODE OF PRACTICE FOR MEMBER INVOLVEMENT  
IN LICENSING MATTERS**

A report of the Director of Legal Services on the Code of Practice for Member Involvement in Licensing Matters was considered by Council at its meeting on 25th March. Council approved the coming into effect of the Code.

With regard to any future amendment, Council agreed that the delegation given to officers was to be exercised in connection with the Chair and also the Licensing Committee.

Members are asked to note Council's resolution.

**8. MEMBER INVOLVEMENT IN PRE-APPLICATION DISCUSSIONS** **Appendix C**

The Director of Planning & Economic Development submits a report that informs Members of good practice advice about their involvement in pre application discussion about major developments and sets out proposed changes to the Code of Practice for Member Involvement in Development Control Decisions. Members are asked to give their views for the Director, Planning and Economic Development to take into account when considering whether to amend The Code of Practice for Member involvement in development control decisions as set out in the report.

**9. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE: ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009/10** **Appendix D**

The Director of Corporate Governance submits a report regarding issues relating to the Corporate Governance Annual Report for 2009/10. Members are asked to review the position as summarised in this annual report and to forward any comments to Cabinet for consideration.

A copy of the Appendix to this report is attached to the Council's website only. This can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=124&MId=3780&Ver=4>

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**10. STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND - LETTER TO CHAIRS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE REGARDING PROPOSALS TO ABOLISH THE STANDARDS BOARD REGIME** **Appendix E**

The Director of Corporate Governance submits a letter that was received by all Chairs of Standards Committees regarding the proposed abolition of the Standards Board regime. Members are recommended to discuss the implications of the letter.

**11. COMPLAINTS AGAINST COUNCILLORS - GUIDANCE ON WHEN ACTING IN CAPACITY AS A COUNCILLOR**

The Director of Corporate Governance will lead a discussion on issues relating to when it can be considered that a Member is acting in his or her capacity as a councillor.

**12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**