

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 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.

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for Director of Corporate Governance

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PUBLIC SESSION

<u>AGENDA</u>

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on 30 June 2010, have been previously circulated and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. STANDARDS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE Appendix A

The Director of Corporate Governance submits the Standards Committee terms of reference, which have been updated following comments made at the last meeting. Members are asked to note the amended terms of reference in advance of them being submitted to Council.

5. COMPLAINTS AGAINST COUNCILLORS - LEAFLET Appendix B FOR MEMBERS

The Director of Corporate Governance submits an amended leaflet that outlines the complaints process for Members. The Committee is recommended to note the amended leaflet.

6. TERM OF OFFICE FOR INDEPENDENT MEMBERS Appendix C

The Director of Corporate Governance submits a report that proposes changes to the term of office of the Independent Members and the Chair of the Standards Committee subject to further discussion of the options. The Committee is asked to approve the recommendations in Paragraph 2 of the report.

7. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS