



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, 12 JANUARY 2011**

**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 24 November 2010, are attached and Members are asked to confirm that they are correct.

**4. IMPLICATIONS OF USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES**

**Appendix B**

Jill Craig, Director of Information Support and John Doyle, Head of Information Security will be present to discuss issues regarding safe and appropriate use of social networking sites. The Standards Committee is recommended to discuss these issues and consider whether any further advice and information is required for Members and Officers. Attached as background information are the Council's Acceptable Use policy for the internet and a briefing document for Elected Members regarding protecting your e-identity.

**5. CASE REVIEW 2010**

**Appendix C**

The Director of Corporate Governance submits the Standards for England Case Review 2010. Standards for England has produced this document at the request of monitoring officers to enable them to have an up-to-date on-line resource. The Standards Committee is recommended to consider and note the Case Review.

The Case Review is attached for Members of the Committee only. It can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.standardsforengland.gov.uk/CaseinformationReporting/OnlineCaseReview2010/>  
or by contacting Democratic Support on 2298816.

**6. THE DECENTRALISATION AND LOCALISM BILL AND ITS IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF STANDARDS**

**Appendix D**

The Director of Corporate Governance submits a report that informs the Standards Committee of the contents of the Localism Bill in relation to standards and to enable discussion on the potential implications for standards

in Leicester City Council. The Standards Committee is recommended to note the contents of the Localism Bill in relation to standards and consider the potential implications for Leicester City Council.

**7. ESTABLISHMENT OF HEARING SUB-COMMITTEE** **Appendix E**

The Director of Corporate Governance submits a report that asks the Standards Committee to establish a Hearing Sub-Committee to carry out hearings of investigators' reports into complaints against councillors. The Standards Committee is recommended to establish a Hearing Sub-Committee with the terms of reference as attached at Appendix 1 of the report.

**8. WORK PROGRAMME** **Appendix F**

The Director of Corporate Governance submits a draft work programme for the Standards Committee for 2010/11 and 2011/12. The Committee is recommended to edit or add to the work programme as it see fit.

**9. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**