



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: THURSDAY, 14 JULY 2011

TIME: 5.30 PM

**PLACE: THE FOUNTAIN ROOM - GROUND FLOOR, TOWN HALL,
TOWN HALL SQUARE, LEICESTER**

Members of the Committee

Councillors Naylor, Osman, Porter, Thomas, Westley and Willmott

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 16 March 2011, are attached and Members are asked to confirm that they are correct.

4. STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Standards Committee is asked to note the membership of the Committee for the municipal year 2011/12 as recorded on the front of this agenda.

5. STANDARDS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE [Appendix B](#)

The Standards Committee is asked to note the terms of reference for the Standards Committee and its Sub-Committees as attached. Members are asked to note an amendment to the terms of reference for the Hearing Sub-Committee with regard to the membership.

6. THE CURRENT ROLE AND FUTURE OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Monitoring Officer will give a presentation on the role of the Standards Committee and how complaints against councillors are dealt with. Members are asked to note the current arrangements and begin to consider what arrangements to uphold standards within the Council could be proposed when the current regime is abolished.

**7. LOCAL ASSESSMENT OF COMPLAINTS SUMMARY [Appendix C](#)
JANUARY TO JUNE 2011**

The Monitoring Officer submits, for information, an update of outstanding complaints against councillors.

8. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Independent Chair of the Standards Committee intends to prepare an annual report to Council on the work of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2010/11. Members are invited to submit suggestions for this report to the Chair prior to further consideration at the September meeting of the Committee.

9. WORK PROGRAMME

Appendix D

The Monitoring Officer submits the current work programme for the Standards Committee for 2011/12. Members are asked to note the work programme and make any amendments/additions as they see fit.

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS