



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2011

TIME: 5.30 PM

PLACE: FOUNTAIN ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, TOWN HALL

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on 14 July 2011, have been previously circulated and Members are asked to confirm that they are correct.

4. DISCUSSION WITH THE LORD MAYOR

The Lord Mayor has been invited to the meeting to discuss with Members issues of standards and ethics, particularly at Council meetings.

**5. THE FUTURE OF THE STANDARDS FRAMEWORK IN [Appendix A](#)
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The Monitoring Officer submits a report that informs discussions of the Standards Committee on the future of the Standards framework in Leicester, pending the coming into force of the Localism Bill. Members are recommended to consider and comment on the briefing note attached to the report and rationale for a new local code set out.

6. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT [Appendix B](#)

The Chair submits a report that informs Council of the activities of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2010-11. The Standards Committee is recommended to consider the draft report and make comments as it sees fit prior to its submission to Council.

7. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

The Chair asks the Committee to consider and discuss matters of disclosure of information that is discussed in private meetings.

8. SOCIAL NETWORKING [Appendix C](#)

Following previous discussions at the Standards Committee, Members are recommended to nominate a member to lead on liaising with officers to update social networking guidance for all elected members. The current guidance on protecting your e-identity is attached for information.

9. WORK PROGRAMME

Appendix D

The Monitoring Officer submits a work programme for the Standards Committee. Members are asked to note the work programme and amend as they see fit.

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS