



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: TUESDAY, 31 JULY 2001
TIME: 5.30 PM
**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM 3, 'B' BLOCK, NEW WALK CENTRE,
KING STREET, LEICESTER**

Members of the Committee

Councillors Coley, Draycott, and O'Brien
Ms. Jill Bellingham (Independent Member)
Mrs. Caroline Roberts (Independent Member)

Members of the Committee are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed overleaf.

for Town Clerk

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PUBLIC SESSION

AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

To elect one of the Independent Members as Chair for the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2001/02

The Committee is asked to note its membership as detailed on the front of the agenda.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COMMITTEE

The Committee is asked to note its terms of reference as follows:-

1. To determine the arrangements to be made by the Council to promote probity and maintain the highest standards in the conduct of business by members and officers.
2. To ensure the implementation of the Members' Code of Conduct.
3. To advise on the adoption or revision of the Council's Code of Conduct, monitor its operation and advise Members on matters relating to the code, including actions designed to prevent infringement of the Code.
4. To ensure the provision of appropriate training for Members to enable them to adhere at all times to the provisions of the Code.
5. To consider any matters referred back to the Council by the National Standards Board following investigation by an ethical standards officer.
6. To consider matters relating to the conduct of Members which are not matters within the remit of the National Standards Board, but which the Town Clerk has been otherwise unable to resolve.

MATTERS RESERVED TO THE STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE

1. All relevant matters reserved for Member level decision as detailed in Standing Orders.
2. Policy developments of strategic significance, relating to the Committee's Terms of Reference.
3. Such other matters as the Committee may from time to time reserve to itself for decision.

All matters within the Terms of Reference of the Standards Committee which are not reserved to full Council, or to the Committee as stated above are delegated to the Town Clerk and Director of Corporate Resources.

**5. ETHICAL STANDARDS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT - [Appendix A](#)
POSITION STATEMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION
PROGRAMME**

The Town Clerk and Director of Corporate Resources submits a report advising members of the current position regarding the further development of ethical standards within local government and the programme of implementation within the City Council. The Standards Committee is asked to note the report.

**6. DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS AGAINST [Appendix B](#)
COUNCILLORS**

The Town Clerk and Director of Corporate Resources submits a report seeking approval of the procedure for dealing with complaints against Councillors. The procedure is attached and is supported by the Group Whips.

7. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS