



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**DATE: MONDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2012**

**TIME: 5.30 PM**

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

### **Members of the Committee**

Councillor Waddington (Chair)

Councillors Grant, Shelton and Sood

Ms Amanda Fitchett (Independent Member)

Mr Desmond Henderson (Independent Member)

Ms Joanne Holland (Independent Member)

Ms Glynis Middleton (Independent Member)

(Vacancy) (Independent Member)

Mr David Lindley (Independent Person)

Ms Caroline Roberts (Independent Person)

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

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for the Monitoring Officer

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## **INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

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## **PUBLIC SESSION**

### **AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Members are asked to note the membership of the Standards Committee, as detailed on the front of the agenda.

**3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

To appoint a Vice-Chair for the remainder of the 2012/13 municipal year.

**4. 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.

**5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Appendix A**

The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 7 March 2012 are attached and Members are asked to confirm that they are correct.

**6. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Appendix B**

The Committee is recommended to note its terms of reference, (attached).

**7. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS**

**Appendix C**

The Committee is recommended to note the attached Code of Conduct for Members, which has recently been revised.

**8. ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH STANDARDS COMPLAINTS UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011**

**Appendix D**

At the Council meeting held on 28 June 2012, approval was given to new arrangements for dealing with Standards complaints against Members and co-opted Members of the Council, (including the City Mayor), in response to changes imposed by the Localism Act 2011.

Details of these arrangements are attached. The Committee is recommended to note the new arrangements and consider any issues arising from them.

**9. CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION - STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Appendix E**

At the Council meeting held on 13 September 2012, various changes to the

Council's Constitution were approved. Those relating to the Standards Committee are attached.

The Committee is recommended to note these changes and consider any issues arising from them.

#### **10. STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee is asked if it wishes to establish a work programme and, if so, what issues should be included. For example:-

- Political Conventions
- Training on disclosure of interests
- Annual Corporate Governance Statement
- Any other policies impacting on Standards (eg, Employee Code of Conduct, Whistleblowing)

#### **11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Standards Committee for the remainder of the 2012/13 municipal year are currently scheduled to take place at 5.30 pm on the following dates:-

Monday, 12 November 2012

Wednesday, 16 January 2013

Wednesday, 6 March 2013

Wednesday, 8 May 2013

The Committee is asked to either confirm these dates or reschedule meetings as necessary.

#### **12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

#### **13. PRIVATE SESSION**

##### MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

Under the law, the Committee is entitled to consider certain items in private. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

The Committee is recommended to consider the following reports in private on the grounds that they contain 'exempt' information as defined by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, as amended and consequently that the Cabinet makes the following resolution:-

“that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because they involve the likely disclosure of 'exempt' information, as defined in the Paragraphs detailed below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and taking all the circumstances into account, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the information as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Paragraph 1

Information relating to any individual

Paragraph 2

Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual

**14. COMPLAINTS AGAINST COUNCILLORS - UPDATE**

The Monitoring Officer will give feedback on complaints against Councillors reviewed and/or determined since the last meeting and updating the Committee on progress with outstanding complaints against Councillors. The Committee is recommended to receive and note the report.