

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2013 TIME: 5:30 pm PLACE: THE FOUNTAIN ROOM - GROUND FLOOR, TOWN HALL, TOWN HALL SQUARE, LEICESTER

Members of the Committee

Councillor Waddington (Chair) Councillor Shelton (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Sood One Non-Grouped Member Vacancy

Ms Amanda Fitchett (Independent Member) Mr Desmond Henderson (Independent Member) Ms Joanne Holland (Independent Member) Two Vacancies (Independent Members)

Standing Invitees: Mr David Lindley (Independent Person) Ms Caroline Roberts (Independent Person)

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

G. J. Carey

for the Monitoring Officer

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Press Enquiries - please phone the Communications Unit on 0116 252 6081

PUBLIC SESSION

<u>AGENDA</u>

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The Annual Council Meeting on 23 May 2103 appointed the following members of the Committee for the municipal year 2013 /14.

Councillors:

Chair: Councillor Waddington Vice Chair: Councillor Shelton Councillor Sood 1 Non-Grouped Member*

*Note – The Non-Grouped Member place will remain vacant until further notice. The place was offered to the Non-Grouped Members but no one wished to take the place.

Independent Members:

Amanda Fitchett Desmond Henderson Joanne Holland

4. DATES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee is asked to note that future meetings will take place on the following dates:

Thursday 7 November 2013 Thursday 30 January 2014 Thursday 10 April 2014 Wednesday 21 May 2014

All meetings are scheduled to take place at 5.30 pm in the Fountain Room, Ground Floor, Town Hall, Leicester.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Appendix A

The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on 14 November

2012, are attached and Members are asked to confirm that they are a correct record.

6. REVISION TO STANDARDS CODE AND Appendix B ARRANGEMENTS

The Monitoring Officer to submit a report on the revised 'Code' and 'Arrangements' for dealing with complaints against Members and co-opted Members under the Localism Act 2011.

Members are asked to comment on the revised version of the 'Code' and 'Arrangements', prior to them being submitted for approval to the Council Meeting on 19 September 2013.

7. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS