



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: THURSDAY, 10 APRIL 2014

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 Senior

Councillor Sood

One Unfilled Place for a Non-Grouped Member

Ms Amanda Fitchett (Independent Member)

Mr Desmond Henderson (Independent Member)

Ms Joanne Holland (Independent Member)

Mr Stephen Purser (Independent Member)

Ms Fiona Barber (Independent Member)

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.

for the Monitoring Officer

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Press Enquiries - please phone the Communications Unit on 0116 454 4150

PUBLIC SESSION

AGENDA

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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on 30 January 2014, are attached and Members are asked to confirm that they are correct.

4. DRAFT PROTOCOL FOR INDEPENDENT PERSONS

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The Monitoring Officer submits a proposed protocol in instances where an elected member who is the subject of a complaint alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct seeks a meeting with the Independent Person. The Committee is requested to comment on the proposed protocol.

5. EFFECTIVENESS OF CORPORATE COMPLAINTS SYSTEM

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The Director Information and Customer Success to submit a report summarising how complaints about the Council are dealt with. The report was originally submitted to the Council's Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission in December 2013 as part of its consideration of complaints on health related matters.

6. CORPORATE COMPENSATION POLICY

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The Monitoring Officer submits a report seeking the Committee's views on the proposed Corporate Compensation Policy that is to be submitted to the Council Meeting in June 2014.

7. 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 report in private on the grounds that it will contain 'exempt' information as defined by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, as amended and consequently makes the following resolution:-

“that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following report in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because it involves 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.

Paragraph 7c

The deliberations of a standards committee or of a sub-committee of a standards committee established under the provisions of Part 3 of the Local Government Act 2000 in reaching any finding on a matter referred under the provisions of section 60(2) or (3), 64(2), 70(4) or (5) or 71(2) of that Act.

UPDATE ON COMPLAINTS AGAINST COUNCILLORS

8. COMPLAINT AGAINST COUNCILLORS - UPDATE

The Monitoring Officer will provide an update. No new complaints against Councillors have been received since the last meeting.

9. PUBLIC SESSION

The Committee are recommended to resolve to “re- admit the press and public to the meeting”.

10. DISCUSSION PAPER - NON-COMPLIANCE WITH INFORMAL RESOLUTION OUTCOMES

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The Monitoring Officer to submit a discussion paper seeking the views of the Committee on what should happen in the event that an informal resolution outcome is not acted upon by subject Member.

11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS