



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 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 Senior (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Shelton

Councillor Sood

One Unfilled Place for a Non-Grouped Member

Ms Amanda Fitchett (Independent Member)

Mr Desmond Henderson (Independent Member)

Mr Stephen Purser (Independent Member)

Ms Fiona Barber (Independent Member)

1 Independent Member Vacancy

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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# **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**

**Appendix A**

The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee, held on 9 July 2014, have been previously circulated and Members are asked to confirm that they are correct.

### **4. PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CODE AND ARRANGEMENTS**

**Appendix B**

The Monitoring Officer to submit suggested revisions to the Code of Conduct for Members (Appendix B1) together with revisions to the Arrangements for Dealing With Standards Complaints at Leicester City Council under the Localism Act 2011 (Appendix B2).

The Arrangements now include three Appendices:-

Appendix 1 Vexatious Complaints – Member Misconduct Process

Appendix 2 Protocol on the Role of the Independent Person meeting with Elected Members

Appendix 3 Procedure for Dealing with subject (Elected) Member who fails to act upon an outcome of “informal resolution”

The suggested revisions are highlighted in yellow, and Members are requested to make comments/observations and/or recommendations to the Council, which will be asked to approve the revised revisions at its meeting on 13 November 2014.

### **5. COMPLAINT AGAINST COUNCILLORS - UPDATE**

**Appendix C**

The Monitoring Officer submits a report giving 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.

Note: Should the Committee wish to discuss individual circumstances or details of the complaint, the Monitoring Officer may consider it necessary to move into private session and ask the Committee to pass the resolution in agenda item 7 below.

### **6. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

## **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 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 Committee 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.

#### 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.