



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2003
TIME: 5.30 PM
**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM 2, 'B' BLOCK, NEW WALK CENTRE,
KING STREET, LEICESTER**

Members of the Committee

Councillors Coley, Draycott, and O'Brien
Ms. Jill Bellingham (Independent Member) (Chair for this meeting)
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. 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.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Appendix A

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 31 October 2002 are attached and the Committee is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

3. DISPENSATIONS

To consider any applications for dispensations from Members. Any applications will be circulated at the meeting.

4. STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT BACK ON Appendix B TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Town Clerk submits a report informing the Committee of the deliberations of the Organisations Working Party on the proposal to change the Committee's terms of reference. The Committee is asked to note the report.

5. STANDARDS 'AUDIT COMMITTEE' ROLE Appendix C

The Town Clerk submits a report on the proposed 'Audit role' for the Committee and asks Members if they wish to adopt a methodology for the systematic auditing of the Council's rules, processes and application of ethical standards and associated regulations.

6. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

7. PRIVATE SESSION

AGENDA

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 contains 'exempt' information as defined by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, and consequently that the Committee 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 Paragraph detailed below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.”

Paragraph 1

Information relating to a particular office holder.

8. MONITORING OF COMPLAINTS

The Town Clerk submits a report.