



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: MONDAY, 23 JUNE 2003

TIME: 5.30 PM

**PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM 3, 'B' BLOCK, NEW WALK CENTRE,
KING STREET, LEICESTER**

Members of the Committee

Councillors Coley, Getliffe, and O'Brien

Ms. Jill Bellingham (Independent Member) (Chair for the 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. MEMBERSHIP 2003/2004

The Committee is asked to note its membership for 2003/2004 as set out on the front page of this agenda.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE 2003/2004 **Appendix A**

The Committee is asked to note its Terms of Reference for 2003/2004 as attached.

4. DATES OF MEETINGS 2003/2004

The Town Clerk to report the proposed dates of meetings for the Committee in 2003/2004 as follows:-

24 September 2003	28 January 2004
19 November 2003	24 March 2004

All meetings are scheduled to start at 5.30pm.

Members are asked to approve the dates of meetings for 2003/2004.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING **Appendix B**

The minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 29 January 2003 are attached and Members are asked to approve them as a correct record.

6. AGENDA NOTE: STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND - SECOND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Caroline Roberts will report orally on her attendance at the Standards Board for England Second Annual Assembly of Standards Committees, which was held on 9-10 June 2003 at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham.

7. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT **Appendix C**

The Corporate Director, Resources, Access and Diversity submits a report on

the work of the Standards Committee over the past year. Members are asked to comment upon the proposed Annual Report with a view to endorsing a final version to bring before Council at its meeting on 3 July 2003.

8. REVIEW OF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT **Appendix D**

The Corporate Director, Resources, Access and Diversity submits a report which reviews progress on Member training and development relating to matters of ethical standards and probity. The Committee is asked to comment upon the programme of training and development and agree to and support the continuing programme.

9. THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (CODE OF CONDUCT) (LOCAL DETERMINATION) REGULATIONS 2003 **Appendix E**

The Town Clerk submits a report to inform Members of the publication of the Local Authorities (Code of Conduct) (Local Determination) Regulations 2003. The Committee is asked to note the content of the Regulations and also note that a further report on its implications and impact on the City Council and notably the role and operation of the Standards Committee will be required for the next meeting of the Committee. Members are also asked to note the contents of the Summary of Responses to the consultation paper on Conduct of Councillors – Local Investigation and Determination of Misconduct Allegations.

10. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME - VARIATION IN RESPECT OF CHILDCARE PROVISION **Appendix F**

The Town Clerk submits a report which seeks the Committee's view and the Council's decision thereafter regarding a variation to the childcare provision within the current Members' Allowance Scheme. The Committee is asked to express their view to help inform Council in their consideration of this matter.

11. AGENDA NOTE: COMPLAINTS RELATING TO ELECTED MEMBERS

The Town Clerk to brief Members on the current numbers and nature of complaints against Elected Members.

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS