



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH 2004

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)
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 on the agenda, 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 Standards Committee held on 28 January 2004 are attached and the Committee is asked to approve them as a correct record.

3. CONSULTATION - LOCAL INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINATION OF MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS

Appendix B

The Town Clerk and Corporate Director of Resources, Access and Diversity submits a report that seeks the Committee's views on consultation proposals relating to the arrangements by which local authority monitoring officers may investigate allegations of misconduct by Members referred to them by ethical standards officers, which can then form a response to the consultation processes.

Members are asked to consider the suggested comments and, subject to any amendments they may wish to make, agree to them being forwarded to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and the Standards Board for England.

4. MEMBER CONDUCT AT MEETINGS

Appendix C

The Town Clerk and Corporate Director of Resources, Access and Diversity submits a report that identifies and codifies the key standards of behaviour expected of Members at meetings.

5. AGENDA NOTE - COMPLAINTS RELATING TO ELECTED MEMBERS

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

6. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS