

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Friday 28th April 2006 at 10.30 am
in the Town Hall

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AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Guidance Note (circulated page 1).

3. **URGENT BUSINESS**

Items of business notified to the Democratic Services Manager by no later than 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday 26th April 2006 and which, in the opinion of the Chair should be considered by the Committee as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances.

4. **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2006 (circulated page 2).

5. **STANDARDS COMMITTEES INDEPENDENT MEMBERS' FORUM**

A meeting of the Forum took place on Friday 21st April 2006. Those attending the Forum are invited to report back on its proceedings.

6. **COMPLAINTS MONITORING AND OVERSEEING**

Report (circulated, page 8) of the Chief Executive.

7. **STANDARDS BOARD DECISION**

Letter (circulated page 10) from the Standards Board for England.

8. ACCESS TO INFORMATION – CHANGES

Report (circulated page 13) of the Monitoring Officer

9. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND CONFERENCE 2006

This Conference will be held in Birmingham on 16th and 17th October 2006. Further details are circulated at page 20. The Committee is asked if it would like to nominate a member of the Committee to attend.

10. STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Council on 18th May will be asked to re-appoint the Standards Committee for the Council Year 2006/07. Council will be asked to appoint at least four elected members of the City Council to the Committee and to agree its powers and duties. The revised powers and duties as agreed by the Committee at its last meeting to be recommended to the Council are set out at page 26.

11. LOCAL INVESTIGATIONS AND HEARINGS

A video on a local investigation and hearing involving a breach of the code will be shown at this point.

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS IN THE COUNCIL YEAR 2006/07

Friday 9th June 2006 at 10.30 a.m.
Friday 8th September 2006 at 10.30 a.m.
Friday 1st December 2006 at 10.30 a.m.
Friday 9th March 2007 at 10.30 a.m.

13. MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION

If the Committee wishes to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of any aspect of the items specified above it will be necessary for the Committee to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act, if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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