



Standards Committee

Date: Monday 15 January 2007

Time: 11.30 am NOTE LATER TIME

Place: Committee Room 11, Level 1, Town Hall

Everybody is welcome to attend Council and Committee meetings.

The Standards Committee is chaired by the Lord Mayor and comprises five members of the City Council, two independent members, and a councillor representative of Ringway Parish Council. The Committee deals with matters relating to the conduct of City and Parish Councillors and the promotion of ethical standards.

Items of business for consideration at a meeting are set out on the agenda sheet.

Most items take the form of a report containing Council officers' recommendations which may or may not be accepted by the Committee. Officers attend meetings to present their reports or give advice to members. They do not have a vote.

The Registers of Interest declared by all councillors and the Register of Gifts and Hospitality are submitted for inspection at each meeting

Copies of the agenda are available beforehand from the reception area at the St. Peter's Square entrance to the Town Hall Extension. Additional copies are available at the meeting from the Committee Officer.

It is the Council's policy to consult people as fully as possible before making decisions which affect them. Members of the public do not have a right to speak at meetings but the Committee will usually allow applicants and objectors to address them for up to four minutes. If you have a special interest in an item on the agenda and want to speak, tell the Committee Officer, who will pass on your request to the Chair.

The law allows certain confidential items to be discussed in private and these will be taken at the end of the meeting at which point members of the public are asked to leave. The Council is concerned to ensure that its meetings are as open as possible and confidential business is kept to the strict minimum. Brief reasons for confidentiality are shown on the agenda sheet.

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1. Urgent business

To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.

2. Appeals

To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.

3. Interests

To allow Members an opportunity to (a) declare any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in any items on the agenda; (b) record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears.

Members with a personal interest should declare the nature of that interest at the start of the item under consideration. If members also have a prejudicial interest, then in addition to declaring it, they must also withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.

4. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2006 enclosed)

5. Granting of Dispensation

Report of the City Solicitor.

6. Revision of the Code of Conduct for Members

Report of the City Solicitor.

7. Raising the profile of ethical standards, conduct and behaviour across the Council

Report of the City Solicitor.

8. Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill (2007)

Report of the City Solicitor.

9. Registers of (a) Interest and (b) Gifts and Hospitality

The Register of Interests and the Register of Gifts and Hospitality will be available for inspection at the meeting.