



Standards Committee

Date: Monday 25 June 2007

Time: 10.30am

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

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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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Agenda

Standard items

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 5 March 2007 enclosed)

5. Revised Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members

Report of the City Solicitor.

6. Standards Board for England (“SBE”) local filter and monitoring and audit pilots

Report of the City Solicitor.

7. SBE Roadshow 2007

Feedback on the SBE roadshow which focused on the revised model code of conduct for members and preparation for the proposed introduction of the local filter system for complaints in 2008. Councillor Whitmore, Councillor Carroll and Karen Chadwick attended the event that took place in Liverpool on 6 June 2007 and Elizabeth Carmichael attended the event that took place in Leeds on 7 June 2007.

8. 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.