



Standards Committee

Date: Monday 7th September 2009
Time: 10.30am
Venue: Committee Room No. 11, Level 1, Town Hall,
Albert Square, Manchester. M60 2LA

Everybody is welcome to attend Council and Committee meetings.

The Standards Committee is chaired by an Independent Member and comprises seven councillors and three independent members, The Committee deals with matters relating to the conduct of City and Parish Councillors and the promotion of ethical standards.

The Members of the Standards Committee are :-

Mr John Snadden (Chair)
Councillor Tony Burns Councillor Sameem Ali Councillor Glynn Evans
Councillor Alison Firth Councillor Tom O'Callaghan Councillor David Sandiford
Councillor Keith Whitmore Mrs Elizabeth Carmichael Mrs Amanda Isles

The members of the Committee will constitute panels to make initial assessments of written allegations of breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct and will determine whether to refer allegations to the Monitoring officer (an officer of the Council) for investigation, or to refer the allegation to the Standards Board for England for investigation. A Panel may also decide that no action should be taken in respect of an allegation.

Members of the public do not have a right to speak at meetings, however, 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. Crèche facilities are available for visitors to the Town Hall by prior arrangement with the St. Peter's Children's Centre (Telephone : 0161 234 3246).

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Agenda

Item Subject No.

Standard agenda 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 which appear on this agenda; and [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 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 22nd June 2009
- 5 **Granting of Dispensations** (Report of City Solicitor)
- 6 **Public Perception of Ethics** (Report of City Solicitor)
- 7 **Register of Councillors' Interests**
The register will be available for inspection.

Items for which recommendations will be made to the City Council for approval

No items on this agenda.