



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

Standards Committee

Date: Monday 17 January 2011

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: Committee Room 3, Level 2, Town Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting of the Standards Committee

Membership of the Committee

Councillors -

S Ali, A Burns, G Evans, A Firth, T O'Callaghan, D Sandiford and K Whitmore.
Councillors C O'Donovan and P. Johnson (Ringway Parish Council)

Independent Co-opted Members -

Mr J Snadden (Chair) Mrs E Carmichael and Mrs A Isles

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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 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 [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that interest at the start of the item under consideration. If members also have a prejudicial interest they must 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 22 November 2010 (enclosed).	
5 The Future of the Standards Board Regime The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed	1

Information about the Committee

The Standards Committee comprises seven city councillors, two parish councillors and three independent members and is chaired by an Independent Member. The Committee deals with matters relating to the conduct of City and Parish Councillors and the promotion of ethical standards. 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. A Panel may also decide that no action should be taken in respect of an allegation.

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