



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

Standards Committee

Date: Monday 21 November 2011

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: Committee Room 11, Ground Floor, Town Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting of the Standards Committee

Membership of the Committee

Councillors -

A Burns, G Evans, T O'Callaghan, D Sandiford, G Shaw, A Trotman 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. 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 27 June 2011 (enclosed).	
5 Amendments to the Localism Bill: Requirement for authorities to have a code of conduct The report of the City Solicitor is enclosed	1
6 Exclusion of the Public The officers consider that the following item contains confidential and exempt information as provided for in the Local Government Access to Information Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The Committee is recommended to agree the necessary resolutions excluding the public from the meeting during consideration of this item.	
7 Standards for England Report The report of the City Solicitor will follow .	13

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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