

Standards Committee

Date: Thursday 18 June 2015

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: Scrutiny Committee Room, Level 2, Town Hall

Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

Revised Agenda – the business of this meeting has been revised since the agenda was first published.

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Membership of the Committee

Councillors -

Andrews, Evans and Trotman Councillor O'Donovan (Ringway Parish Council)

Independent Co-opted Members -Mrs A Isles (Chair), vacancy

Independent Person

Mr A Eastwood

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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 declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they might have in any items which appear on this agenda. Members with a personal interest should declare that interest at the start of the item under consideration. If members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary 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 16 March 2015

5 Draft Annual Governance Statement 2014/15

The report of the City Solicitor is attached

6 Member Development

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The report of the Head of Member Services is attached

Information about the Committee

The Standards Committee comprises five city councillors, one parish councillor and two 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 Independent Persons are appointed by the Council to assist the Council in the consideration of any complaints made against councillors. They are not members of the Standards Committee but they are invited to attend the meeting if they wish to.

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