



Standards Committee

Date: Thursday 22 October 2015
Time: 10.30 am
Venue: Scrutiny Committee Room, Level 2, Town Hall
Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

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Membership of the Committee

Councillors -

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

Independent Co-opted Members -

Mrs A Isles (Chair), vacancy

Independent Person

Mr A Eastwood

Agenda

- 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 18 June 2015.
- 5 **Update on recruitment of Independent Person and Independent Members**
Oral briefing by Councillor Andrews and Councillor Trotman
- 6 **Procedure for the Local Hearing of Allegations of Misconduct by Council Members**
The report of the City Solicitor is **to follow**.
- 7 **Establishment of a Standards (Hearing) Sub-Committee**
The report of the City Solicitor is **to follow**.
- 8 **Whistleblowing Policy**
The report of the Head of Internal Audit and Risk Management is **to follow**.

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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