



Standards Committee

Date: Thursday 15 March 2018

Time: 10.30 am

Venue: Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

Access to the Council Chamber

Public access to the Council Chamber is on Level 2 of the Town Hall Extension, using the lift or stairs in the lobby of the Mount Street entrance to the Extension. That lobby can also be reached from the St. Peter's Square entrance and from Library Walk. **There is no public access from the Lloyd Street entrances of the Extension.**

Membership of the Committee

Councillors -

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

Independent Co-opted Members -

Nicolé Jackson (Chair), Mr G Linnell

Independent Person

Mr A Eastwood, Ms S Beswick

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 2 November 2017.
- 5 **Standards Committee- Annual Report**
The report of the City Solicitor is attached.
- 6 **New Members Induction Programme 2018**
The report of the City Solicitor is attached.
- 7 **Members Update on Ethical Governance**
The report of the City Solicitor is attached.
- 8 **Social Media Guidance for Members update**
The report of the City Solicitor is attached.
- 9 **Intimidation in Public Life**
The report of the City Solicitor is attached.
- 10 **Revisions to Gifts and Hospitality Guidance, Member/Officer relations protocol and Use of Resources Guidance**
The report of the City Solicitor is attached.
- 11 **Review of Local Government Ethical Standards – Committee on Standards in Public Life, Stakeholder Consultation**
The report of the City Solicitor is attached.
- 12 **Annual Governance Statement**
The report of the Deputy Chief Executive is attached
- 13 **Work Programme**
The report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit 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.

The Council aims to ensure that its meetings are as open as possible and confidential business is kept to the strict minimum. When confidential items are involved these are considered at the end of the meeting at which point members of the public are asked to leave.

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