

Standards Committee

Friday 3 August 2012 at 2.30 pm

**To be held in Committee Room 5, the
Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield,
S1 2HH**

Membership

Councillors Bryan Lodge, Alan Law and Vickie Priestley.

Edward Fleming (Co-opted member)

PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

Each local authority is required to draw up and adopt a Code of Conduct for its members. The main role of the Standards Committee is to promote and maintain high standards of conduct throughout the City Council and Parish and Town Councils in its area and to help members to follow the Code of Conduct. This Committee operates outside the main Council structures and the Chair and Deputy Chair are independent from the Council.

A copy of the agenda and reports is available on the Council's website at www.sheffield.gov.uk. You can also see the reports to be discussed at the meeting if you call at the First Point Reception, Town Hall, Pinstone Street entrance. The Reception is open between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm, Monday to Thursday and between 9.00 am and 4.45 pm. on Friday, or you can ring on telephone no. 2734552. You may not be allowed to see some reports because they contain confidential information. These items are usually marked * on the agenda.

As a lot of the work of this Committee deals with individual cases, some meetings may not be open to members of the public.

If you require any further information please contact Dave Ross on 0114 273 5033 or email dave.ross@sheffield.gov.uk.

FACILITIES

There are public toilets available, with wheelchair access, on the ground floor of the Town Hall. Induction loop facilities are available in meeting rooms.

Access for people with mobility difficulties can be obtained through the ramp on the side to the main Town Hall entrance.

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE AGENDA
3 AUGUST 2012**

Order of Business

- 1. Appointment of Chair**
To appoint a Chair for the Committee for 2012/13.
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Exclusion of Public and Press**
To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public.

(Note: The report at item 5 is not available to the public and press because it contains exempt information as described in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)).

- 4. Declarations of Interest**
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting
- 5. Consideration of Case Reference Sheffield SC.01.12**
Report of the Monitoring Officer.

ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

A new Standards regime was introduced on 1st July, 2012 by the Localism Act 2011. The new regime made changes to the way that your interests needed to be registered and declared. Prejudicial and personal interests no longer exist and they have been replaced by Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs).

The Act also required that provision is made for interests which are not Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and required the Council to introduce a new local Code of Conduct for Members. Provision has been made in the new Code for dealing with “personal” interests.

Guidance on declarations of interest, incorporating regulations published by the Government in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, has been circulated to you previously, and has been published on the Council’s website as a downloadable document at [-http://councillors.sheffield.gov.uk/councillors/register-of-councillors-interests](http://councillors.sheffield.gov.uk/councillors/register-of-councillors-interests)

If at all possible, you should try to identify any potential interest you may have before the meeting so that you and the person you ask for advice can fully consider all the circumstances before reaching a conclusion on what action you should take.

Further advice can be obtained from Lynne Bird, Director of Legal Services on 0114 2734018 or email lynne.bird@sheffield.gov.uk