

Standards Committee

Wednesday 24 June 2015 at 4.30 pm

To be held at the Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH

Membership

Councillors Bryan Lodge (Chair), Penny Baker, Ben Curran, Alan Law, Mary Lea, Pat Midgley, Vickie Priestley and Colin Ross.

Co-opted Members

John Atkinson, Alan Casbolt, Edward Fleming, Councillor Michael Appleby, Councillor Nigel Owen and Councillor Karen Southwood.

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. You may not be allowed to see some reports because they contain confidential information. These items are usually marked * on the agenda.

Standards Committee meetings are normally open to the public but sometimes the Committee may have to discuss an item in private. If this happens, you will be asked to leave. Any private items are normally left until last.

If you require any further information please contact Dave Ross in Democratic Services 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
24 JUNE 2015**

Order of Business

- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Exclusion of Public and Press**
To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public.
- 4. Declarations of Interest** (Pages 1 - 4)
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting.
- 5. Appointment of Deputy Chair**
To appoint a Deputy Chair of the Committee for 2015/16.
- 6. Minutes** (Pages 5 - 10)
To approve the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 22 January and 20 May 2015.
- 7. Member Development Update**
The Monitoring Officer to report.
- 8. Standards Committee Annual Report** (Pages 11 - 20)
Report of the Monitoring Officer.
- 9. Update on Standards Complaints** (Pages 21 - 24)
Report of the Monitoring Officer.
- 10. Establishment of Consideration and Hearing Sub-Committees** (Pages 25 - 28)
Report of the Monitoring Officer.
- 11. Audit of Political Engagement** (Pages 29 - 32)
Report of the Monitoring Officer.
- 12. Work Programme** (Pages 33 - 38)
Report of the Monitoring Officer.
- 13. Dates of Future Meetings**
To note that meetings of the Committee will be held on the following dates at 2.00 p.m.:-

- 17 September 2015
- 10 December 2015
- 17 March 2016
- 16 June 2016

(Note: At the close of the meeting there will be a training session for members of the Committee and the Independent Persons on ethics and the Code of Conduct)