



Standards Committee

Date: FRIDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2015
Time: 1.45 pm
Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, WEST WING, GUILDHALL

Members: Edward Lord (Chairman)
Oliver Lodge (Deputy Chairman)
Nigel Challis
Michael Hudson
Deputy Alastair King
Alderman Julian Malins
Virginia Rounding
Tom Sleigh
Judith Barnes (Co-opted Member)
Mark Greenburgh (Co-opted Member)
Dan Large (Co-opted Member)
Felicity Lusk (Co-opted Member)

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Lunch will be served in the Guildhall Club at 1pm
NB: Part of this meeting could be the subject of audio/visual recording.

John Barradell
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2014.

For Decision
(Pages 1 - 6)

4. **MINUTES- DISPENSATIONS SUB (STANDARDS) COMMITTEE**

To receive the minutes of the last meeting of the Dispensations Sub (Standards) Committee held on Tuesday, 23rd September 2014.

For Information
(Pages 7 - 10)

5. **GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY- CEREMONIAL OFFICEHOLDERS**

A report of the Private Secretary and Chief of Staff relative to the arrangements for ceremonial officeholders in respect of gifts and hospitality.

The report was considered by the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen on 10th February 2015.

The Private Secretary & Chief of Staff will be present at the meeting to update the Committee on the views expressed by the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen.

For Decision
(Pages 11 - 14)

6. **UPDATE- ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS**

A report of the Town Clerk relative to the annual update exercise to Members' Declarations which took place in December 2014 following the introduction of new requirements under the Members' Code of Conduct.

Copies of the updated Members' Declarations are appended in a separately bound volume (Appendix 1). A list of Members, and confirmation of their annual update status, is attached at Appendix 2.

For Information
(Pages 15 - 22)

7. STANDARDS COMMITTEE- TERMS OF REFERENCE AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

A report of the Town Clerk seeking the Committee's views in respect of its existing terms of reference (Appendix 1), the terms of reference of its sub-committees (Appendix 2); and its future meeting arrangements, ahead of submission to the Court of Common Council on 23rd April 2015.

For Discussion
(Pages 23 - 32)

8. DISPENSATIONS ARRANGEMENTS - REVIEW

A joint report of the Town Clerk and the Comptroller & City Solicitor detailing the current arrangements in respect of the granting of dispensations by the City of London Corporation to Members who wish to speak and/or vote on matters where they have a relevant interest in land within the City.

Appendix 1 sets out the details of all the dispensations that have been approved since 8th February 2013.

For Discussion
(Pages 33 - 50)

9. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN

A report of the Town Clerk which, in accordance with Standing Order 41(b), provides Members with the details of a decision taken by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Standards Committee, since the Committee's last meeting on 28th November 2014.

For Information
(Pages 51 - 58)

10. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item: 10

Paragraph: 1

For Decision

13. **EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNAL SUMMARY**

A report of the Comptroller & City Solicitor.

For Information
(Pages 59 - 64)

14. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**