

Standards Committee

Date: FRIDAY, 15 MAY 2015

Time: 11.30 am

Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, WEST WING, GUILDHALL

Members: Judith Barnes (Co-opted Member)

Nigel Challis

Mark Greenburgh(Co-opted Member)

Michael Hudson Deputy Alastair King

Dan Large (Co-opted Member)

Oliver Lodge Edward Lord

Felicity Lusk (Co-opted Member)

Virginia Rounding

Alderman Baroness Scotland

Tom Sleigh

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Lunch will be served in the Guildhall Club at 1pm

N.B.: 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 public minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2015.

For Decision (Pages 1 - 10)

4. ORDER OF THE COURT

For Information (Pages 11 - 12)

5. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 29.

For Decision

6. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 30.

For Decision

7. UPDATE- ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS

At its meeting on 20th February 2015, the Standards Committee approved a number of actions in respect of the Members' Declarations with a view to ensuring that all Members had appropriately responded to the 2014 annual update process.

This report of the Town Clerk sets out how those actions have been progressed since the Committee's last meeting and also proposes new arrangements in respect of the future management of the Members' Declarations.

For Decision (Pages 13 - 20)

8. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS - CO-OPTED MEMBERS

A joint report of the Town Clerk and the Comptroller & City Solicitor relative to a proposal in respect of the adoption and implementation of a consistent approach to the management and publication of Declarations of Interest by the City Corporation's elected and Co-opted Members.

For Decision (Pages 21 - 26)

9. **COMPLAINTS REVIEW PROCESS**

At the request of the Standards, this joint report of the Town Clerk and the Comptroller & City Solicitor sets out the City Corporation's current complaints procedure and the governance arrangements in respect of the Sub Committees that are constituted to consider any alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct. The report invites Members of the Standards Committee to consider and comment on the current complaints process.

For Information (Pages 27 - 46)

10. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A report of the Town Clerk relative to the Standards Committee's draft Annual Report which, in accordance with the Committee's terms of reference, will be submitted to the Court of Common Council on 25th June 2015.

For Decision (Pages 47 - 50)

- 11. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE
- 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT