



Standards Committee

Date: FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2014
Time: 1.45 pm
Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM 1 - 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

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**

For Information

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

To agree the public minutes of the meetings held on 16th May and 11th September 2014.

For Decision
(Pages 1 - 8)

4. **GUIDANCE TO MEMBERS- REVISED MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

A joint report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive and the Comptroller and City Solicitor relative to revised guidance to Members following the Court of Common Council's approval of a revised Members' Code of Conduct on 16th October 2014.

The Committee is asked to consider the draft guidance and comment on other points for inclusion ahead of circulation to Members in December.

For Decision
(Pages 9 - 22)

5. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS - SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR CEREMONIAL OFFICE HOLDERS**

On the 16th October 2014, the revised Members' Code of Conduct was approved by the Court of Common Council with an implementation date as of 1st January 2015. Following the Standards Committee's meeting on 11th September, where it was agreed that the new guidance for Members incorporate some clarification about the special provisions for ceremonial office holders, Members are asked to consider the existing arrangements.

The Private Secretary and Chief of Staff and the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee of Aldermen will be present to provide an overview of the current arrangements in respect of special provisions for ceremonial office holders (gifts and hospitality).

For Discussion
(Pages 23 - 34)

6. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

A report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive relative to the use of urgency procedures since the Committee's meeting in May 2014.

For Information
(Pages 35 - 38)

7. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**