

STANDARDS AND CONDUCT COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall on Friday, 29th November, 2013 at 1.30 pm

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

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E Nash (Chair)

B Selby

C Campbell P Harrand

B Gettings

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AGENDA

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1			APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS	
			To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an appeal the press and public will be excluded).	
			(*In accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Head of Governance Services at least 24 hours before the meeting)	
2			EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC	
			1. To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.	
			2. To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.	
			3. If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-	
			RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:-	

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3			LATE ITEMS	
			To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.	
			(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes.)	
4			DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS	
			To disclose or draw attention to any disclosable pecuniary interests for the purposes of Section 31 of the Localism Act 2011 and paragraphs 13-18 of the Members' Code of Conduct. Also to declare any other significant interests which the Member wishes to declare in the public interest, in accordance with paragraphs 19-20 of the Members' Code of Conduct.	
5			APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
			To receive any apologies for absence from the meeting.	
6			MINUTES 18TH JUNE 2013	1 - 2
			To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18 th June 2013.	
7			OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY ON PERSONAL INTERESTS: A GUIDE FOR COUNCILLORS	3 - 8
			To receive a report of the City Solicitor which considers the Members' Code of Conduct adopted by Leeds City Council in light of guidance released by DCLG in September 2013 and commentary available in relation to the same.	

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8			UPDATE REPORT	9 - 12
			To receive a report of the City Solicitor which presents the Committee with a summary of the complaints submitted to Leeds City Council regarding potential breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct over the past municipal year. This includes complaints against Leeds City Councillors and about Parish and Town Councillors in the Leeds area.	
9			COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE: ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13	13 - 50
			To receive a report of the City Solicitor which presents the Standards and Conduct Committee with the Committee on Standards in Public Life (CPSL) annual report for 2012/13.	