



# **NOTICE OF MEETING**

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## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, 9 MARCH 2009 AT 4 PM**  
**EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM, FLOOR 3, THE GUILDHALL,**  
**PORTSMOUTH**

Panel Members: Councillors Leo Madden, Darron Phillips, Paula Riches, Jim Fleming, Simon Bosher

Independent Members: Peter Parham, John Wood, Peter Wyles, Andrew Mackay and Mervyn Cowdrey

Southsea Town Councillors: Peter Eddis and David Yates

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## **A G E N D A**

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2 Declaration of Members' Interests in accordance with Standing Order 14**
- 3 Minutes of the Standards Committee meetings held on 3 November 2008, 24 November 2008 and 23 January 2009**  
A copy of the Minutes of each of the Standards Committee meetings held on 3 November 2008, 24 November 2008 and 23 January 2009 is attached.  
  
**RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Standards Committee meetings held on 3 November 2008, 24 November 2008 and 23 January 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.**
- 4 Update Report (verbal) on Councillors' CRB disclosures from City**

**Solicitor**

**RECOMMENDED that Members**

- 1. note the update report**
- 2. recommend any action**

- 5 Update Report (verbal) from the City Solicitor on the number of members who have met with HR to consider training needs.**

**RECOMMENDED that Members**

- 1. note the update report**
- 2. recommend any action**

- 6 ... Local Government Ombudsman Report on the investigation into complaint No.07/B/14737**

The purpose of the report is to consider a report from the Head of Customer Services bringing the attention of the Standards Committee to the report by the Local Government Ombudsman into case number 07/B/14737 against Portsmouth City Council.

**RECOMMENDED that the Standards Committee**

- (1) Note the report**
- (2) Note that the Council has implemented actions agreed with the Local Government Ombudsman**
- (3) Note the further actions taken by the Council as a result of this complaint**

- 7 ... Revision of the Corporate Complaints Policy**

The purpose of the report is to consider the Corporate Complaints Policy which will bring Portsmouth City Council into line with current best practice.

**RECOMMENDED that the Standards Committee approves the Corporate Complaints Policy across Portsmouth City Council.**

- 8 ... Introduction of the Corporate Compensation Policy and the Persistent Complainants Policy**

The purpose of the report is to consider the Corporate Compensation Policy and the Persistent Complainants Policy which will enable best practice in complaint investigation and complaint management.

**RECOMMENDED that the Standards Committee approve the Corporate Compensation Policy and the Persistent Complainants Policy for use across Portsmouth City Council.**

- 9 ... Quarterly report on progress in relation to complaints made relating to alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct by Members**

The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee on progress, with reference to complaints relating to alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct by Members.

**RECOMMENDED that Standards Committee consider this report and**

**decide whether any further recommendations should be made to the Council as a result of the complaints which are referred to in the attached appendix.**

- 10      ...      Update from the City Solicitor on the recruitment of Independent Standing Deputies for the Committee.**

**RECOMMENDED that the Committee agrees the appointment of two Independent Standing Deputies for the Committee and the positions to be offered to the two candidates who were selected by the panel on the 13 January 2009, subject to the approval of Council with regard to the creation of an additional Independent Standing Deputy position.**

- 11      Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next scheduled meeting is 8 June 2009 at 4pm but an extra meeting will be held some time in the week beginning 16 March 2009.