



# Standards Committee

## Minutes – 14 October 2013

### Attendance

#### Members

Cllr Bert Turner (chair)  
Cllr Peter O'Neill  
Cllr Andrew Wynne

#### Employees

Keith Ireland	Strategic Director, Delivery
Martyn Sargeant	Democratic Services Manager
Wendy Trainor	Interim Chief Legal Officer
Linda Banbury	Democratic Support Officer

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Action</i>
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### MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

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| 1. | <b>Apologies for Absence</b><br>An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Tersaim Singh.                              | - |
| 2. | <b>Declarations of interest</b><br>No interests were declared.   | - |
| 3. | <b>Minutes of previous meeting</b><br>Resolved:<br>That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2013 be approved as a correct record. | - |
| 4. | <b>Matters arising</b><br>There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.   | - |

## DECISION ITEM

### 5. **Review of the Constitution 2013/14 – Article 9 and Councillor Code of Conduct**

The Interim Chief Legal Officer presented a report, which apprised the Committee of two publications issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) on 20 September 2013 in respect of:

- illustrative text for the Code Of Conduct, and
- an update to guidance for councillors on ‘Openness and Transparency on Personal Interests’.

The report had received the agreement of the Special Advisory Group on 7 October 2013. It was noted that the updated guidance would be circulated to all councillors. It was further noted that the current interests form, completed by councillors each year, would be amended for implementation with effect from the 2014/15 municipal year and would take into account the issues of clarity raised by Councillor O’Neill.

Fiona Davis/  
Linda  
Banbury

#### Resolved:

That Council be recommended to approve revisions to Article 9 of the Constitution – Standards of Conduct and the preamble to the Councillor Code of Conduct, to incorporate illustrative text published by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) on 20 September 2013.