



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Monday, 14th November, 2016

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Guildhall

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Members of the Committee:-

Chairman: Councillor Jo Hodges (L)

Vice-Chairman: Councillor Mrs. Lucy Hodgson (C)

Mrs. Valarie A. Barrall (Co-opted)

Mrs Pam Clayton (Co-opted)

Councillor Paul Denham (L)

Councillor Matthew Lamb (L)

Councillor Steve Mackay (C)

Mrs. Dawn Merriman (Co-opted)

Mr. Raymond Needham JP (Co-opted)

Councillor James Stanley (C)

Paul Thorlby (Co-opted)

C = Conservative

L = Labour

G = Green

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**Part 1
(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PUBLIC)**

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| 1. Appointment of Substitutes | |
| 2. Declarations of Interest | To receive any declarations of interest. |
| 3. Public Participation | Up to a total of fifteen minutes can be allowed, each speaker being allocated a maximum of five minutes, for members of the public to present a petition, ask a question, or comment on any matter on the Agenda or within the remit of the Committee. |
| 4. Minutes
Page(s): 1 - 4 | Of the meeting held on 18 th July 2016 to be approved and signed. |
| 5. Local Government Ombudsman Annual Review Letter 2016
Page(s): 5 - 10
Ward(s): All Wards
Contact Officer: Joanna Payne,
Transformation
and Performance
Officer
Tel: 01905
722407 | That the Standards Committee consider the Annual Review Letter (Appendix 1) of the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO) for the period covering 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 for information and comment. |
| 6. Reports of the Local Government Ombudsman
Page(s): 11 - 12
Ward(s): All Wards
Contact Officer: Joanna Payne,
Transformation
and Performance
Officer
Tel: 01905
722407 | That the Committee note any complaints which have received a report, an upheld decision or where maladministration has been identified by the Local Government Ombudsman. |

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| <p>7. Complaints Made Under the Members' Code of Conduct
 Page(s): 13 - 14
 Ward(s): All Wards
 Contact Officer: Timothy O'Gara,
 Deputy Director -
 Governance
 Tel: 01905
 722019</p> | <p>That the Committee note the contents of the report.</p> |
| <p>8. Registers of Members' and Officers' Gifts and Hospitality and Register of Interests
 Ward(s): All Wards
 Contact Officer: Julian Pugh,
 Democratic
 Services
 Administrator
 Tel: 01905
 722006</p> | <p>To review the registers of Members' and Officers' gifts and hospitality and register of interests. The registers will be available for inspection from 6.30p.m. onwards, so that Members can have the opportunity to review them either before or at the meeting.</p> |
| <p>9. Any Other Business</p> | <p>Which in the opinion of the Chairman is of sufficient urgency as to warrant consideration.</p> |