



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, 13th March, 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Guildhall

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**Standards Committee
Wednesday, 13 March 2019**

Members of the Committee:-

Chairman: Councillor Jo Hodges (L)

Vice-Chairman:

Mrs Pam Clayton

Mrs. Valarie A. Barrall

Councillor Gareth Jones (C)

Mr Roger Knight

Councillor Matthew Lamb (L)

Mrs Dawn Merriman

Mr Raymond Needham JP

Councillor Andrew Roberts (C)

Councillor George Squires (L)

Councillor James Stanley (C)

C = Conservative

G = Green

L = Labour

LCo = Labour and Co-operative

LD = Liberal Democrat

The Committee is composed of six Councillors, one Independent Member and two Members from each of the Parish Councils within the City

AGENDA

Part 1

(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PUBLIC)

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 - 2

Of the meeting held on 14th November 2018 to be approved and signed.

5. **Reporting Back on Outside Bodies**

Page(s): 3 - 8

Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Claire Chaplin,
Democratic and
Civic Services
Manager
Tel: 01905
722005

That the Committee consider the procedure relating to Members reporting on their activities with outside bodies, as set out in this report.

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| <p>6. Complaints Made Under the Code of Conduct
 Page(s): 9 - 24
 Ward(s): All Wards
 Contact Officer: Sian Stroud,
 Deputy Director -
 Governance
 Tel: 01905
 722017</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Committee note the report; and 2. That the Committee recommend the Council to amend the Code of Conduct, as set out in paragraph 3.1. |
| <p>7. Reports of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
 Page(s): 25 - 26
 Ward(s): All Wards
 Contact Officer: Joanna Payne,
 Corporate Policy
 and Strategy
 Officer
 Tel: 01905
 722407</p> | <p>That the Committee notes that, in the period since the last report, there have been no complaints against the Council which have received a formal report, an upheld decision or where maladministration has been identified by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman.</p> |
| <p>8. Registers of Members' and Officers' Gifts and Hospitality and Register of Interests</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> |