

**MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 12 JUNE 2007**

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| MEMBERS: | Councillors Gmmh Rahman Khan, Lister, Mallett, Whyte, Williams and Winskill Also present: Councillors Bull and Egan |
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| INDEPENDENT MEMBERS: | Ms I Francis (Chair), Mr R. Lovegrove (Deputy Chair), Mr N Weber and Ms C. Sykes. |
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Apologies Councillor Dobbie, Mughal, Sykes and Weber

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| MINUTE NO. | SUBJECT/DECISION |
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| STCO01. | <p>ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR FOR STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2007-8 RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Irene Francis be elected Chair of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2007-8. 2. That Roger Lovegrove be elected Deputy Chair of the Standards Committee for the municipal year 2007-8. |
| STCO02. | <p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dobbie, Mughal and Weber.</p> |
| STCO03. | <p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>There was no such business.</p> |
| STCO04. | <p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were no such declarations.</p> |
| STCO05. | <p>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the following meetings of the Standards Committee be confirmed and signed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) 5th March 2007 ii) 30th April 2007 (special meeting) |
| STCO06. | <p>CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> |

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| | <p>There were no announcements.</p> |
| STCO07. | <p>MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT ON REFERRALS RECEIVED FROM THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND</p> <p>The Monitoring Officer stated that there had been no new referrals received from the Standards Board for England.</p> <p>Members were presented with a tabled copy of the judgement summary of Standards Board for England case number SBE14281.06 which had been published on the website of the Standards Board for England. Members placed on record their concern that the Standards Committee had not been made aware of the case at the time at which it was originally considered.</p> <p>Members were reminded that any complaints about the conduct of Members should initially be referred to the Standards Board.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That Members' concerns be noted that the Standards Committee were not informed about case number SBE14281.06 at the time of the case. |
| STCO08. | <p>DETERMINATION HEARINGS</p> <p>There had been no determination hearings to report.</p> |
| STCO09. | <p>STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL</p> <p>Members received the draft of the Standards Annual Report to Council. Members also received a revised version of table 4, replacing that included in the original report.</p> <p>After proposing the below mentioned changes, Members agreed the Committee's Annual Report to be brought before the Full Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the Standards Committee Annual Report to Full Council be approved subject to the following revisions:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i) That section 7.1.1(a) be amended to more accurately reflect the judgement of the case referred to the Ethical Standards Officer.ii) That an encouragement for Members to attend Standards Training be included within section 8.2. |
| STCO10. | <p>TRAINING</p> <p>The Monitoring Officer and Members agreed for 10-minute briefing sessions on declarations of interests to be held at some Council committee meetings.</p> <p>Members noted that senior lawyers in the Council were being trained on the</p> |

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| | <p>code of conduct, and that training would be given at directorate senior management meetings. At least one further session on the Code for Members was also planned.</p> <p>Members noted that training would have to be provided for any new independent members.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That 10-minute briefing sessions on Declarations of Interests be arranged for Members at some Council committee meetings.</p> |
| STCO11. | <p>STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That Haringey's delegate to the Standards Board's Sixth Annual Assembly of Standards Committees be either Irene Francis or Carol Sykes.</p> |
| STCO12. | <p>NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>There were no such items.</p> |
| STCO13. | <p>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS</p> <p>The dates of other Standards Committee meetings this municipal year were noted, with all meetings commencing at 7:30pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 8 October 2007- 10 January 2008- 10 April 2008 |

IRENE FRANCIS

Chair