



NOTICE OF MEETING

Standards Committee

TUESDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 2008 at 19:30 HRS - CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, N22 8LE.

MEMBERS: Diakides, Khan, Lister, Mallett, Reid, Whyte, Williams and Winskill

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS: Ms I. Francis, Mr R. Lovegrove, Ms C. Sykes and Mr A. Loyd.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of urgent business.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

A member with a personal interest in a matter also has a prejudicial interest in that matter if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgment of the public interest **and** if this interest affects their financial position or the financial position of a person or body as described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct **and/or** if it relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to them or any person or body described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct.

4. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING (PAGES 1 - 10)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meetings of the Standards Committee held on June 10th 2008.

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT

Monitoring Officer's report on Standards Committee issues arising since the last meeting.

7. GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION PAPER ENTITLED "COMMUNITIES IN CONTROL: REAL PEOPLE, REAL POWER CODES OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES" (PAGES 11 - 52)

(Report of the Monitoring Officer) To report on the recently published Government consultation paper and seek the Standards Committee's agreement to an appropriate response to be sent by the deadline of 24 December 2008.

8. DEVELOPING CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS (PAGES 53 - 60)

(Report of the Monitoring Officer) To propose draft guidance for the public about how complaints against Members will be assessed and processed by the Standards Committee and its Sub-Committees.

9. RECRUITMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE (PAGES 61 - 76)

(Report of the Monitoring Officer) To agree the recruitment process for Independent Members of the Standards Committee to take office from May 2009 in accordance with the requirements in the Local Government Act 2000 and the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) Regulations 2001.

10. TRAINING

Update from the Monitoring Officer on training issues

11. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15 January 2009, 7:30pm in the Civic Centre.

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