
Standards Committee

THURSDAY, 2ND JULY, 2009 at 19:30 HRS – CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, LONDON N22

COUNCILLOR MEMBERS: Diakides, Jones, Lister, Santry, Reid, Whyte, Williams and Winskill

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS: Mr J. Batterham, Ms R. Chambers, Mr R. Lovegrove, Ms A. Loyd and Ms C. Sykes

AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2009/10

To elect a Chair and Deputy Chair of the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2009-10.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. URGENT BUSINESS

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

4. 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.

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

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meetings of the Standards Committee held on 23 March 2009.

6. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. DETERMINATION HEARINGS

To consider the outcomes of recently held Haringey Council Determination Hearings.

8. ANNUAL RETURN TO THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND (PAGES 11 - 18)

Oral Report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer – advising of the Annual return to the Standards Board for England submitted in May 2009.

9. PROTOCOL FOR REPORTS FOR EXTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS (PAGES 19 - 26)

Report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer - To advise the Committee of a draft protocol to assist the Standards Committee and its Sub-Committees when considering the investigation of complaints against Members.

10. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2008/09 (PAGES 27 - 38)

Report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer - To advise the Committee of the Annual Report of the Standards Committee for 2008/09, for consideration and endorsement prior to its consideration by Full Council on 20 July 2009.

11. TRAINING AND BRIEFING FOR MEMBERS 2009/10

Oral update by the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer - To consider training and briefing arrangements with regards to Standards Committee for 2009/10.

12. STANDARDS BOARD INTERVENTION, JOINT STANDARDS COMMITTEES, AND DISPENSATIONS

Oral report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

13. NEW ITEMS OF UNRESTRICTED URGENT BUSINESS

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The following items are likely to be subject of a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as they contain exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972; namely information relating to any individual, and information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual, and information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Note by the Head of Local Democracy and Member Services

Item 16 allows for consideration of exempt information (if required) in relation to Item 9 which appears earlier on the agenda.

15. CONSIDERATION OF THE OUTCOME OF TWO INVESTIGATIONS RESULTING FROM THE DETERMINATIONS OF THE STANDARDS ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE (PAGES 39 - 124)

Report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer - To advise the Committee of the outcome of investigations in respect of Standards Assessment Sub-Committee complaints referrals :

- i. Complaint SC2/089 - attached
- ii. Complaint SC3/089 – To Follow

16. PROTOCOL FOR REPORTS FOR EXTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS - EXTERNAL PROCUREMENT PROCESS (PAGES 125 - 132)

Report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer – Exempt Appendix 2 referred to in the covering report attached at Agenda Item 9.

17. MINUTES (PAGES 133 - 144)

To agree the Minutes of the Standards Committee of 23 March 2009, and to receive the minutes of Standards Assessment Sub-Committees held on 22 December 2008, 3 March & 23 March, 20 April, and 26 May 2009.

18. NEW ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS

19. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

22 October 2009
14 January 2010
8 April 2010

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