



## NOTICE OF MEETING

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# Standards Committee

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THURSDAY, 10TH JUNE, 2010 at 19:30 HRS – CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, LONDON N22

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Christophides, Demirci, Reece, Stennett, Watson, Williams and Winskill

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

### AGENDA

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/11**

To elect a Chair of the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2010 -11.

**2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/11**

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2010 -11.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**4. URGENT BUSINESS**

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

**5. 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.

**6. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING (PAGES 1 - 12)**

To confirm and sign the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 14 January 2010.

**7. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**8. PROGRESS REPORT ON OUTSTANDING COMPLAINTS**

Oral Report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer – advising of progress in respect of outstanding complaints.

**9. ANNUAL RETURN TO THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND (PAGES 13 - 20)**

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 2010.

**See attached return**

**10. ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10 (PAGES 21 - 30)**

Report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer - To advise the Committee of the Annual Report of the Standards Committee for 2009/10, for consideration and endorsement prior to its consideration by Full Council on 19 July 2010.

**11. RECRUITMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2010/11 (PAGES 31 - 46)**

Report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer – to note the resignation of an Independent Member of the Committee and to seek approval to recruit 2 independent members of the Committee with effect from November 2010 and May 2011 respectively.

**12. NEW PROCEDURE FOR ADVANCE DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS (PAGES 47 - 52)**

Report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer – To propose a new procedure and “form” to facilitate the advance declaration of Members’ interests at meetings of the full Council.

**13. TRAINING AND BRIEFING FOR MEMBERS 2010/11**

Oral update by the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer - To consider training and briefing arrangements with regards to Standards Committee for 2010/11.

**14. REVIEW OF THE PROCEDURES FOR COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS (PAGES 53 - 60)**

Report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer – To propose amendments to the procedures for complaints against Members as contained within the protocol for Member/Officer Relations in the Council’s Constitution.

**15. AMENDING CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS ON MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND ITS SUB-COMMITTEES (PAGES 61 - 68)**

Report of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer - To propose amendments to provisions in the Council’s Constitution that prescribe the membership of the Standards Committee and its Sub-Committees

**16. NEW ITEMS OF UNRESTRICTED URGENT BUSINESS**

**17. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

13 September 2010 \*  
20 December 2010  
10 March 2011

\*subject to rescheduling due to meeting clashes – proposed provisional dates 19 or 21 October 2010

**18. 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, information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information), and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

**19. EXEMPT MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING (PAGES 69 - 80)**

To confirm and sign the EXEMPT minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 14 January 2010.

**20. NEW ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS**

Ken Pryor  
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