



NOTICE OF MEETING

Standards Committee

MONDAY, 6TH JUNE, 2011 at 19:30 HRS – CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, LONDON N22

Members of the Committee:

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS: Mr J. Darbyshire, Ms R. Hatch, Ms A. Loyd, Mr P. Skinner, Ms A Rabe, Ms C. Sykes, and Mr C Watts

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Egan, Gibson, Gorrie, McNamara, Stanton, Reece, and Whyte

AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2011/12

To elect a Chair of the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2011 -12.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2011/12

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2011 -12.

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. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING (PAGES 1 - 8)

To confirm and sign the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committees held on 8 February 2011 (Special), and 28 February 2011.

7. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11 (PAGES 9 - 16)

9. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

10. 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 Paras 1,2 and 7c; namely information relating to any individual, information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual, and information presented to a Standards Committee set up to consider any matter under Regulations 16 to 20 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008.

11. EXEMPT MINUTES (PAGES 17 - 28)

To confirm and sign the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committees held on 8 February 2011 (Special), and 28 February 2011.

12. COMPLAINTS UPDATE (PAGES 29 - 40)

13. ANY OTHER EXEMPT BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

14. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

To note the following meetings of the Standards Committee scheduled for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2011/12 :-

6 October 2011
20 December 2011
23 February 2012
16 April 2012

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26 May 2011

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**UNRESTRICTED MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2011**

In attendance *

COUNCIL MEMBERS:	*Christophides, *Demirci, *Reece, *Stennett, *Watson, Williams and *Winskill
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INDEPENDENT MEMBERS:	*Mr J. Darbyshire, *Ms R. Hatch (Vice-Chair), *Ms A. Loyd (Chair), *Mr P. Skinner, *Ms A Rabe & *Ms C. Sykes
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Apologies Councillor Williams (for whom Councillor Whyte was substituting)

**MINUTE
NO.**

SUBJECT/DECISION

STCO35.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>An apology for absence was received from Councillor Williams, for whom Councillor Whyte was substituting.</p> <p>The Chair advised the Committee that it would be necessary to vary the order of business on the agenda to consider the exclusion of the public and press (Item 6) and Item 7 - Standards Complaint SC002/0910 - Pre-determination Hearing matters, after item 3 due to the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer being required to attend another Council meeting at approx 19.50hrs, and MOVED the variation accordingly. The MOTION was carried nemine contradicente.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
STCO36.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>The Chair asked if there were any items of urgent business in respect of the reports on the agenda.</p> <p>The Committee Manager – Mr Hart informed the meeting that information in relation to exempt Agenda Item 7 - Standards Complaint SC002/0910 - Pre-determination Hearing matters had been circulated to Members at the request of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting. There were additional exempt TABLED correspondence in respect of Item 7 for the Committee to also consider, as well as tabled information from the Chair of the Standards Committee in respect of Agenda Item 4.</p> <p>A copy of each of the aforementioned would be interleaved with the minutes for the meeting.</p> <p>NOTED</p>

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<p>STCO37.</p>	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were no declarations of interests.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
<p>STCO38.</p>	<p>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the press and public be excluded from the proceedings as Item 7 contains exempt information as defined in paras 1 & 2 of 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 also in accordance with the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 (regulation 5), and Section 53 of the Local Government Act 2000.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUMMARY OF EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL PROCEEDINGS</p>
<p>STCO39.</p>	<p>STANDARDS COMPLAINT SC002/0910 - PRE-DETERMINATION HEARING MATTERS</p> <p>AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS AS MOVED BY THE COMMITTEE</p>
<p>STCO40.</p>	<p>RE-INCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the public and press be readmitted in to the proceedings for the consideration of Items 4 & 5 on the agenda</p>
<p>STCO41.</p>	<p>REPORT TO UPDATE THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE OF ETHICAL GOVERNANCE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES</p> <p>At this point in the proceedings (20.10hrs) Mr Suddaby advised that he had to leave the meeting due to his attendance at the Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>The Chair asked for a brief introduction of the report.</p> <p>The Assistant Head of Legal Services – Ms Simon advised that the purpose of the report was to note and consider the implications of the proposals in the Localism Bill as outlined in the attached communication from the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) to abolish Standards for England and the associated ethical governance framework for local authorities. The communication from the CLG detailed the projected changes to the ethical governance framework for local authorities (the Standards Board Regime) and the timescale for these changes.</p> <p>Ms Simon summarised that in essence this would involve the abolition of Standards for England (formerly the Standards Board), the abolition of the requirement for local authorities to have a standards committee, and of the</p>

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prescription of a model code of conduct for authorities. In addition the overall legal framework containing the principles governing the conduct of members and co-opted members in relevant authorities would be abolished. Ms Simon commented that the changes, contained in the Localism Bill would receive Royal Assent in late 2011. It was expected that the present regime would continue until a day appointed by the legislation ('the appointed day'), likely to be approximately 2 months after the proposals became law. The communication at Appendix 1 outlined a transitional procedure for the processing of any complaints that were live on the appointed day.

Ms Simon also referred to the Government's thinking on these changes which included the view that a central national framework for governing member conduct was incompatible with the principles of localism, that it had encouraged vexatious and politically motivated complaints and that a greater emphasis had to be placed on the responsibility of the local electorate to determine their representatives. Elected Members would still have a duty to register and declare personal interests and new criminal offences were proposed to address a failure to declare personal interests and the use by members of their position improperly for personal gain. Ms Simon concluded that the CLG circular had also made it clear that authorities would still be free to adopt their own voluntary code of conduct if they so wished and also establish voluntary standards committees to consider complaints about the conduct of elected and co-opted members with limited powers to sanction.

The Committee then briefly discussed the issues as outlined, and the points were made:

- Options for a Council setting up a Standards Committee and how it may operate as well as what likely powers it may have – given that the only penalty it could impose on a subject member would be censure.
- the need for a borough wide public consultation of the future of standards, and what will replace it and what would people like to see happen, and the feasibility of requesting that the Minister for CLG paying for the Consultation
- the possible establishment of a London Wide code and how this may work

The Chair then summarised and it was:

RESOLVED

- i. That the implications of the proposals for the safeguarding of high ethical standards in the Council in the light of the proposed new duty for local authorities to ensure that members and co-opted members maintain a high standard of conduct be noted;
- ii. That in respect of action to be taken in light of the proposed new duty for local authorities to ensure that members and co-opted members maintain a

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	<p>high standard of conduct, bearing in mind that the Localism Bill may be subject to change in the course of the legislative process, the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring officer be asked to report back to the special meeting of the Committee on 28 February 2011 in respect of :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Options for a Council setting up a Standards Committee following the abolition of Standards for England, and how it may operate as well as what likely powers it may have – given that the only penalty it could impose on a subject member would be censure; b. the possibility of a borough wide public consultation of the future of standards, and what will replace it and what would people like to see happen, and the feasibility of the Chair of the Standards Committee writing to and requesting that the Secretary of State for CLG pay for the Consultation; and c. the possible establishment of a London Wide code and how this may work .
<p>STCO42.</p>	<p>OUTSTANDING TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2010/11</p> <p>The Clerk to the Committee – Mr Hart advised that he would circulate the details of the outstanding training sessions for the Committee, together with a range of dates.</p> <p>NOTED</p> <p>There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 20.25hrs.</p>

Annabel Loyd

Chair

**UNRESTRICTED MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2011**

In attendance *

COUNCIL MEMBERS:	*Christophides, *Demirci, *Reece, *Stennett, *Watson, Williams and *Winskill
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INDEPENDENT MEMBERS:	Mr J. Darbyshire, Ms R. Hatch (Vice-Chair), *Ms A. Loyd (Chair), *Mr P. Skinner, Ms A Rabe & *Ms C. Sykes
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Apologies Mr J. Darbyshire, Ms R. Hatch & Ms A Rabe

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION
STCO43.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Ms Hatch, Ms Rabe and Mr Darbyshire.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
STCO44.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>The Chair asked if there were any items of urgent business.</p> <p>The Clerk to the Committee – Mr Hart advised that there had been additional documents circulated to the Committee on 24 February 2011 in respect of exempt agenda item 6 which were required to be read with the agenda papers.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
STCO45.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Councillor Williams declared a prejudicial interest in exempt agenda item 6 and would leave the proceedings at the commencement of the item.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
STCO46.	<p>ORAL REPORT TO UPDATE THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE OF ETHICAL GOVERNANCE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES</p> <p>The Chair asked for a brief oral update.</p> <p>The Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer advised the meeting that in respect of the current position as regards the Government's proposals for the future of ethical governance of Local Authorities, since the previous meeting there was little further to report other than there had been confirmation that the repealing of the Act would receive Royal Assent at the end of 2011 and that in effect would mean the abolition of the current regime of ethical governance. As</p>

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	<p>a result, there would be revisions to criminal law which would cover the declarations of personal and prejudicial interests. In terms of the future local arrangements, it would be for the Council to determine these and how such a mechanism would be conducted but Mr Suddaby emphasised that these arrangements would be limited in terms of the sanctions to be imposed on a Councillor for breaches in the Member code. It was also unclear as to whether there was likely to be some form of London wide body and how this would operate.</p> <p>Mr Suddaby further commented that as yet, there was nothing formal for the Council to consider but he felt it appropriate for the matter to remain on the agendas for this Committee as an update item.</p> <p>In response to points of clarification from Councillor Williams Mr Suddaby advised that the current constitution would require amendment to reflect the repelling of the current legislation but there may be the wish to consider the adopting of a new code of conduct and have a newly established Standards Committee with limited sanction abilities.</p> <p>There being no further points of clarification the Chair summarised and it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the verbal update of the Head of Legal Services be noted, and an item be placed on each future meetings of the Standards Committee in respect of the proposals for the future of ethical governance of Local Authorities.</p>
<p>STCO47.</p>	<p>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the press and public be excluded from the proceedings as Item 6 contains exempt information as defined in paras 1 & 2 of 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 also in accordance with the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 (regulation 5), and Section 53 of the Local Government Act 2000.</p> <p>Councillor Williams, having declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 6, left the proceedings.</p> <p>NOTED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUMMARY OF EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL PROCEEDINGS</p>
<p>STCO48.</p>	<p>STANDARDS COMPLAINT SC002/0910 - FURTHER PRE-DETERMINATION HEARING MATTERS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AGREED RECOMMENDATION 2.1(i) AS DETAILED IN THE REPORT</p>

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The meeting ended at 19.30hrs

Annabel Loyd

Chair

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Haringey Council

Agenda item:

[No.]

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

ON 6 JUNE 2011

Report Title. Annual Report from the Standards Committee : 2010 /11

Report of Standards Committee

*Bernie Ryan*Signed : Annabel Loyd, Chair of the Standards Committee and Mr Bernie Ryan,
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Wards(s) affected: n/a

Report for: non key decision

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 To report on the activities of Standards Committee over the previous year and to give information on the monitoring of the Members' Code of Conduct and of complaints against members.

<p>2. Introduction by Cabinet Member – n/a</p>
<p>3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies: 3.1. This report is part of ensuring good ethical governance of the authority and complements the Council's Code of Governance and Annual Governance Statement.</p>
<p>4. Recommendations</p> <p>4.1 That the Standards Committee consider and note the enclosed Annual Report.</p>
<p>5. Reason for recommendation(s) 5.1. It is required to consider and endorse the Annual Report for 2009/10.</p>
<p>6. Other options considered 6.1. n/a</p>
<p>7. Summary This item reports on the activities of Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2010/11 and gives information on the monitoring of the Members' Code of Conduct and of complaints against Members.</p>
<p>8. Chief Financial Officer Comments 8.1 The report is noted and there are no specific financial implications</p>
<p>9. Head of Legal Services Comments 9.1. The legal implications are contained in the main report</p>
<p>10. Head of Procurement Comments –[Required for Procurement Committee] 10.1. n/a</p>
<p>11. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments 11.1. There are no specific implications. The Committee is bound by its terms of</p>

reference and will conduct itself within these.
12. Consultation 12.1. n/a
13. Service Financial Comments 13.1. n/a
14. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs 14.1. Attached annual report at appendix A and Appendix B Gifts and hospitality register
15. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 15.1. [Also list reasons for exemption or confidentiality (if applicable)] – n/a

APPENDIX 1

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE: 2010/11

1. Introduction

This item reports on the activities of Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2010/11 and gives information on the monitoring of the Members' Code of Conduct and of complaints against Members.

Standards Committees for all Authorities in 2008/09 had gone through a period of major change due to the implementation of the 2007 LGA and the publication of a new Model Code of Conduct which Haringey -in common with other Authorities- has adopted, un-amended, as its own Code. The 2010/11 year has successfully continued to work with these new arrangements and has had 2 meetings of its Assessment Sub-committee, 1 meeting of its Review Sub-Committee, and 1 Standards Determination Hearing Panels.

The Register of Interests is available for all to view both in hard copy and on the Council's website. Individual declarations made at meetings are also able to be viewed on-line as part of meetings' minutes. At the beginning of the year, Councillors were informed that their register of interests would be placed on the Council website unless they chose to opt out from this. No Councillor signalled a wish not to be included in this online register and this increased transparency has therefore been implemented throughout the year.

Independent Members

The Committee welcomes the appointment of Andrea Rabe & Christopher Watts as new independent members, who were appointed in November 1 2010, and confirmed on 22 November 2010. The Committee organised the recruitment to the positions and was able to select both from a high-quality pool of applicants. The vacancies have arisen as a result of (i) the resignation of 1 Independent Member – John Batterham in July 2010, and (ii) the period of office of one of the existing Independent Members (Carol Sykes) coming to an end on 23 May 2011. However Ms Sykes period of office has been extended a further 6 months (agreed on 4 April 2011 by Full Council) for the period 24 May 2011 to 30 September 2011 to cover the maternity period of Independent member Rachel Hatch. This was done in order to allow for continuity, and to bring wealth of knowledge and expertise to the Committee from serving for 5 years to date, which would assist the development of the 2 newly appointed Members.

The Standards Committee continues to work for the improvement of ethical standards in the Council in Haringey, and we look forward to another successful year ahead. We recognise that we would not be able to carry out our work without the support of Officers, whom we would like to thank.

Annabel Loyd
Chair, Standards Committee
June 2011

2. Signatories to the Members' Code of Conduct

At the end of the reporting year all 57 Councillors had signed accepting the Code of Conduct, as had all independent Members of the Standards Committee, and the 4 Co-opted Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Details of the Standards Committee

3.1 Political Breakdown

At the start of the reporting period, Standards Committee consisted of

4 Labour Councillors; 3 Liberal Democrat Councillors; 6 Independent Members

3.2 Changes in Membership

Following the resignation of 1 Independent Member in July 2010 (J Batterham), a recruitment process was commenced to fill this Independent Member position as well as to fill a vacancy that would arise in May 2011 due to the term of office of one the existing independent members ceasing. The vacancies were appointed to in November 2010 and confirmed by Full Council on 22 November 2010, with one appointee (Ms Andrea Rabe) commencing their term of office with immediate effect, and the other appointee (Mr Christopher Watts) commencing their appointment on 23 May 2011..

3.3 Chair and Deputy Chair

Ms A Loyd & Ms R Hatch and were elected, respectively, as Chair and Deputy Chair for the Municipal Year 2010/11.

3.4 Meetings

Three ordinary meetings and a number of training sessions were held during the year. The Minutes of Meetings held during the year, having been previously circulated, are available, by request, from the Standards Committee Manager and for inspection in the Members' Rooms, prior to and immediately following the Council Meeting on 18th July 2010.

The Minutes are also available on the authority's website at <http://www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk> .

3.5 Monitoring Officer

The Committee's Lead officer continued to be John Suddaby. the Authority's Monitoring Officer until 23 May 2011.

3.6 New arrangements for Local Filter of complaints

New arrangements for dealing with complaints under the Members' Code of Conduct became effective from 8 May 2008 and gave the Standards Committee the responsibility for assessing, reviewing and determining complaints that a Member has

failed to abide by the Code of Conduct. Standards for England would still determine cases in exceptional circumstances and will retain a responsibility for advising Standards Committees and overseeing the effectiveness of the new arrangements.

The Council's Standards Committee set up two new sub-committees to discharge their new functions. The Assessment Sub-Committee decides if there is sufficient evidence to refer a complaint to the Monitoring Officer for investigation or in the most serious cases to the SBE. If the decision is to take no action, a complainant can request a review to be undertaken by a Review Sub-Committee with a different membership. Where a hearing into a complaint is necessary this will be undertaken by a Hearing Sub-Committee in accordance with existing procedures.

These Sub-Committees comprise members of the Standards Committee selected in rotation so far as is practicable. There will always be at least one elected Councillor but the Chair must be an independent member under the Regulations.

Since the membership of the Sub-Committees is not fixed but selected in rotation, power has been delegated to the Head of Local Democracy and Member Services to appoint the membership for meeting in consultation with the Chair of the Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer, detailed in the Scheme of Delegation to Officers (Appendix E, Part F.7, Section 9, paragraph 1.4 of the Constitution).

Training of Standards Committee Members in the new responsibilities has continued and took place in early June, and September 2010. The Assessment Sub-Committee has met on 2 occasions where no action has been taken on 1 complaint and 1 complaint being referred to the Monitoring Officer for investigation. The Review Sub-Committee met on 1 occasion and agreed that no action be taken on the case referred to it.

The Standards Committee – Determination Hearing Panel met on 1 occasion to consider the outcome of an investigation into the conduct of an individual Councillor, with the hearing panel imposing a 4 month suspension of the subject Councillor concerned.,.

In respect of granting exemptions from political restriction to Council posts, the amendments to the legislation also gave local Standards Committees a new role, replacing the national adjudicator, in granting exemptions to officers at or above SCP 44 whose grade would otherwise place their posts within the list of those politically restricted. If a post below Deputy Chief Officer level does not require the officer to give regular advice to Member bodies/Committees or to speak regularly to the media as a Council representative, then the Standards Committee will be able, on the officer's application, to grant an exemption from political restrictions. Any person can ask the Standards Committee to consider whether to direct the inclusion of any post within the politically restricted list applying the criteria above.

4 Register of Members' Interests (ROI)

The ROI is available for inspection, by appointment within normal working hours, at River Park House.

Additionally, a simplified version of the ROI is included on the Haringey Council website. The simplification consisted of:

- modification of entries by removal of personal contact details;
- allowing Members to opt in or opt out of having their register published on the website.

5 Registration Form for Gifts and Hospitalities

5.1 Summary of Registrations

All signatories to the Members' Code of Conduct are required to register with the Monitoring Officer each Gift or item of Hospitality of value of £25 or more received and arising out of their official positions. Registration of items valued at less than £25 was, and still is, voluntary.

Entries registered for items of gifts and hospitality offered during the year are available under each individual Member's Register of Interests.

5.2 Access

The RGH was available for inspection, by appointment within normal working hours, at River Park House. It was also available on the Authority's website.

Under the terms of the 2007LGA and the new Members' Code of Conduct, the RGH has now been combined with the Register of Financial and Other Interests to form the Register of Interests. This means that the full register of interests and of gifts and hospitalities has been placed on the Council website unless individual Councillors have opted for this not to happen in their individual case. No such requests for exemption have been received and therefore this combined register has been published on the website and amended during the course of the year.

All entries remain available for inspection at River Park House. For the year 2010/11 onwards, the Register of Members Interests minus home addresses will be placed on the Council's website unless individual Members specifically opt out of this.

6 Declarations of Interest

The definitions of "personal interest" and "prejudicial interest" are given in the Members' Code of Conduct.

A prejudicial interest is a personal interest which either relates to a Council regulatory function or affects the financial interests of the Member or relevant person and which would be perceived as so significant by a member of the public that the Member would be likely to be unable to judge the public interest. Thus all interests as defined by the Code are personal, with some that meet additional criteria being termed prejudicial.

Declaration of Interests is placed as a specific Item on the Agenda of every meeting of the Full Council and of every meeting of every serviced committee.

Council Minutes show there were 30 declarations of personal, non-prejudicial interest at meetings of the full Council during the whole year. There were 2 declarations of prejudicial interest.

7 Complaints about alleged failures to adhere to the Members' Code of Conduct

7.1 Complaints decided during the year

The number of complaints concerning alleged breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct which were decided during the year is shown in Table 3.

Table 1: Complaints decided during the year

	Last Year	this Year
Decided by an Ethical Standards Officer	0	0
Decided by the Adjudication Panel for England	0	0
Decided by the Standards Committee	4	2
No of Complaints received in 2010/11	3	2
No of Assessment Sub-Committees held	4	2
No of Complaints sent for investigation following Assessment Sub-Committee	1	1
No of complaints rejected at Assessment Sub-Committees	2	1
No of Review Sub- Committees held	1	1
No of Determination hearings held	3	1

7.2 Complaints outstanding

As of 31 May 2011 there is 1 complaint being dealt with at various stages of the procedure which had not been finally dealt with.

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of the Local Government Act 1972.

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