London Borough of Islington

Standards Committee - 26th May 2004

Non-confidential minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 26th May 2004.

Present: Father Jim Kennedy, Councillors Derek Sawyer and Terry Stacy

Father Jim Kennedy in the Chair

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Jo Michie and Matthew Saunders.

2. DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

None.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2003 be confirmed and the Chair authorised to sign them.

5. STANDARDS AND ETHICS INDICATORS (Item 5)

RESOLVED:

That the Director of Law and Public Services issues guidance to Members on how to handle dealing with anonymous whistleblowing complaints, including if contacted by the Press.

Noted that of the two previous cases referred to the Standards Board, one was still outstanding and the other the Board had stated they would be taking no further action.

6. LOCAL INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINATION OF COMPLAINTS – RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION PAPER (Item 6)

RESOLVED:

That the response to the consultation paper be amended and resubmitted to the ODPM by the deletion of the first bullet point under (a)(ii) and the second sentence in (i)(ii) being deleted.

7. PROCESS FOR THE FILLING OF THE VACANCY FOR AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER ON THE COMMITTEE (Item 7)

Noted that the closing date for applications was 27th May and so far the response had been poor. CV's would be considered by Personnel Sub-Committee in June with a recommendation to Council on 29th June.

The meeting ended at 7.35pm.

CHAIR

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