

**London Borough of Islington**  
**Standards Committee – 17 June 2008**

Non-confidential minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 17 June 2008

**Present:** Father Jim Kennedy, Godfrey Stadlen and Jane McNeill  
Councillors Phil Kelly and Paula Belford

**Father Jim Kennedy in the Chair**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**

Diana Gibbs and Councillor Terry Stacy gave their apologies for absence.

**2. DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)**

Councillor Paula Belford substituting for Councillor Terry Stacy.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (Item 3)**

None.

**4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

**5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:**

Eric Sorensen advised the committee that unfortunately he had to step down from the committee as an independent member with immediate effect.

This was due to the fact that although he worked for the Thames Gateway London Partnership, one of the 12 subscribing local authorities had had responsibility for accounts, and payment of salaries, and therefore technically he was regarded as an officer of a local authority, which prevented him from remaining as an independent member.

Father Jim, on behalf of the committee, expressed his regret at Eric having to step down as his experience would be greatly missed. The committee thanked Eric for his commitment and support and gave him their best wishes for the future.

**6. ETHICAL GOVERNANCE SURVEY 2008/09 (Item 5)**

**RESOLVED:**

(1) That the committee meet with the Chief Executive to discuss the findings highlighting members views on behaviours within the authority.

(2) That the action plan attached to these minutes be agreed.

Noted that both Chief Whips on behalf of their respective groups did not feel that there was a problem within the authority or that the results reflected the current position or views of members.

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### **7. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES (Item 6)**

#### **RESOLVED:**

(1) That an Initial Assessment Sub-Committee and a Review Sub-Committee be established with the terms of reference set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

(2) That the membership of the Sub-Committees be as follows:

#### **Initial Assessment Sub-Committee**

Diana Gibbs }  
Godfrey Stadlen } with Father Jim Kennedy and Jane McNeill  
being named alternates

Councillor Phil Kelly with Councillors Stacy, Belford and Watts  
being named alternates.

#### **Review Sub-Committee**

Jane McNeill }  
Father Jim Kennedy } with Diana Gibbs and Godfrey Stadlen  
being named alternates

Councillor Terry Stacy with Councillors Kelly, Belford and Watts  
being named alternates

### **8. LOCAL ASSESSMENT, INVESTIGATION AND HEARING PROCEDURES (Item 7)**

#### **RESOLVED:**

(1) That the Local Assessment Procedure in Appendix 1, the revised Local Investigation Procedure in Appendix 2 and the revised Local Hearings Procedure in Appendix 3 be approved.

(2) The proposed publicity arrangements for the new arrangements set out in paragraph 7 of the report be approved.

All three appendices would be brought together in one document, with chapter headings to make it easier to use.

### **9. STANDARDS AND ETHICS INDICATORS (Item 8)**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the report be noted and future reports include details of outcomes and types of cases brought to employment tribunals.

### **10. WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE COMMITTEE 2008/09 (Item 9)**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the work programme for 2008/09 be approved.

### **11. REPORT BACK ON SHADOWING (Item 10)**

#### **RESOLVED:**

This item would be considered at the next meeting of the committee when Diana would be able to give feedback on her experience.

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### 12. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE (Item 11)

#### RESOLVED:

Future meetings of the committee be agreed as follows:

13 October 2008 be changed to 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.00 p.m.

27 January 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

20 April 2009 at 7.00 p.m.

### 13. ANY URGENT BUSINESS

None.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm.

**CHAIR**

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