

London Borough of Islington
Standards Committee – 27th January 2009

Non-confidential minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 27 January 2009

Present: Father Jim Kennedy, Jane McNeill, Godfrey Stadlen and Alison Vydulinska

Father Jim Kennedy in the Chair

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**
Apologies for absence were received from Diana Gibbs and Councillors Kelly and Stacy.
2. **DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)**
None.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**
Father Kennedy declared a personal but non prejudicial interest in Appendix A, Agenda Item 6, on the agenda.

In relation to the last entry about the donation of a Christmas hamper to Blessed Sacrament Church from the Mayor, Father Jim reported that he had passed this onto the Over 55 Group in the Caledonian Road area.

4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**
RESOLVED:
That the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th December 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.
5. **STANDARDS AND ETHICS INDICATORS (Item 5)**
RESOLVED:
That the Standards and Ethics Indicators for the fourth quarter of 2008 be noted.
6. **REGISTER OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY (Item 6)**
It was noted that there were a relatively small number of declarations over the previous six month period and that there had been no declarations from Labour or Green party members.

It could be that members did not have any declarations to make but the Committee felt that Councillors should be reminded of the need to declare for their own protection.

RESOLVED:

That the Monitoring Officer write to all Councillors on behalf of the Committee, to remind them to declare any gifts or hospitality they are offered, accept, decline or donate in line with the Code of Conduct.

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7. NEXT MEETING (Item 7)

It was noted that the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 18th February 2009 at 5.00pm to meet the members of the Islington Strategic Partnership has had to be changed to Wednesday, 22nd April 2009 at 5.00pm.

Given this, the Committee agreed to change the date of the next Standards Committee from 20th April to 22nd April 2009 to follow the meeting with the Islington Strategic Partnership.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ethical Standards Audit

The Monitoring Officer reported that the Council would be undertaking a mini audit in the next month, just focusing on the areas that were highlighted as needing further work from the last review.

Items for next meeting

The following matters would be considered at the April meeting:

- Feedback from the mini ethical review
- Councillors Call for Action procedures
- Review of procedures for dealing with complaints and hearings

RESOLVED:

The Head of Democratic Services to bring a forward plan of future items to the next meeting.

The meeting which started at 7.15pm ended at 7.40pm.

CHAIR

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