

London Borough of Islington
Standards Committee – 22nd April 2009

Non-confidential minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 22nd April 2009.

PRESENT: Father Jim Kennedy, Diana Gibbs, Godfrey Stadlen, Jane McNeill and Alison Vydulinska.

Councillor Phil Kelly

Father Jim Kennedy in the Chair

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Stacy and Belford.
2. **DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)**
None.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**
None.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**
RESOLVED:
That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.
5. **ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER 2007/8 (Item 5)**
RESOLVED:
That the report be noted.
6. **STANDARDS AND ETHICS INDICATORS (Item 6)**
RESOLVED:
That the Standards and Ethics Indicators for the first quarter of 2009 be noted.
7. **WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE COMMITTEE 2009/10 (Item 7)**
RESOLVED:
That the work programme for 2009/10 be approved subject to the following additional items being added:

9th June 2009

Discussion item on feedback from visits by Independent Members to Council meetings.

Review of Procedures for the Assessment and Review of Complaints.

Feedback from the ISP on adopting the Council's Code of Conduct.

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20th October 2009

Councillor Call for Action.

Comparison data produced either by the Standards Board or the London Independent Members Network on the work of Standards Committee.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE (Item 8)

RESOLVED:

That the dates of future meetings of the Committee be noted.

9. ANY URGENT BUSINESS (Item 9)

Annual Assembly of Standards Committees

If anyone wanted to attend this year's Assembly which would take place in Birmingham on 12/13 October 2009. they should contact John Lynch who would make arrangements for booking a place.

Term of Office

Father Jim advised that his term of office would finish in November 2009, having served two terms on the Committee. However, he had been asked if he was willing to stay on for a further one year period until November 2010 to allow a new Council to be elected in May 2010 and for them to be involved in the recruitment of his replacement, but also to allow for some continuity and succession planning in the meantime.

John Lynch advised that a report would be submitted to the June Council meeting asking Members to agree the extension of Jim's term of office until November 2010.

The meeting which started at 5.30pm finished at 6.00pm.

CHAIR

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