

**London Borough of Islington**  
**Standards Committee – 12 October 2010**

Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 12 October 2010.

**PRESENT:** Diana Gibbs, Jane McNeill, Alison Vydulinska and Godfrey Stadlen  
Councillors Phil Kelly and George Allan

**Godfrey Stadlen in the Chair**

**19. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR (Item 1)**

**RESOLVED:**

That Godfrey Stadlen be appointed Chair for the remainder of the municipal year.

**20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 2)**

Apologies for absence were received from Arvinda Gohil.

**21. DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 3)**

None.

**22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 4)**

None.

**23. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 5)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

**24. STANDARDS AND ETHICS INDICATORS (Item 6)**

**RESOLVED:**

(1) That future reports on FOI also include the number of appeals made both internally and to the FOI Commissioner and of those requests which are non-compliant within the quarter, an explanation as to why e.g., whether this was because the Council was considering whether exemptions applied.

(2) That Jeremy Tuck, Chief Information Officer be invited to the next meeting of the Committee to explain how FOI requests were dealt with in the Council, including how exemptions were applied and what measures were in place to quality check this process.

(3) Information on future reports be presented graphically.

**25. REVISIONS TO THE PUBLICITY PROTOCOL (Item 7)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the suggested amendments sent out in Appendix 1 be agreed with the exception of the amendments relating to the Mayor in para. 1.10 which should be deleted and be dealt with in the guidance notes for Mayors.

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### 26 LONDON MEMBER DEVELOPMENT CHARTER (Item 8)

#### RESOLVED:

(1) That the Committee support the proposal that the Council makes a commitment to the London Member Development Charter.

(2) That the draft strategy set out in Appendix A be agreed subject to the following amendments:

Para. 2.1 to read 'The overarching purpose of the Strategy is to develop, implement and sustain a strategic approach to Member Development in order to ensure that all Councillors are adequately equipped to carry out their roles as effectively as possible.'

Para. 2.2(ii) be deleted as this was already covered in para. 8.1.

(3) That a date be found in the diary when the Committee could meet with councillors at the start of their Group meetings to give them opportunities to meet and exchange views.

(4) That the Standards Committee be provided with feedback from the annual members survey once the analysis had been completed.

### 27 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT (Item 9)

#### RESOLVED:

(1) That the fourth paragraph of the section on local assessment and investigation of complaints be amended to read 'The complaints have related primarily to the behaviour of members in making comments publicly about others. There have been no allegations of 'corrupt' behaviour or failure to register or declare interests.'

(2) The Secretary email a word version of the report to Diana and Councillor Allan to make any further editing amendments .

(3) That the whips remind their members again about completing the on-line Code of Conduct training.

### 28 ANY URGENT BUSINESS (Item 10)

None.

The meeting which started at 7.00 pm finished at 8.30 pm.

**CHAIR**

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