Standards Committee - 19 June 2012

Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 19 June 2012, at 6.30 pm.

<u>PRESENT</u>: Diana Gibbs, Godfrey Stadlen Jane McNeill and Alison Vydulinska Councillors George Allan and Kate Groucutt

Godfrey Stadlen in the chair

96. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)

Apologies were received from Arvinda Gohill.

97. DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)

None

98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

None.

99. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2012 (Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

100. STANDARDS AND ETHICS INDICATORS (Item 5)

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

101. GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY DECLARATIONS (Item 6)

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

Councillors will be reminded about gifts and hospitality when they are briefed on the new code.

102. LOCALISM ACT 2011 – PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS CODE AND COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE (Item 7)

RESOLVED:

That the proposed new Islington Members Code of Conduct be approved for submission to Council subject to the drafting amendments to read:

The General Principles

(1) Honesty – you should be truthful in your Council work and avoid creating situations where your honesty may be called into question.

Registration and disclosure of Interests

(f) and (g) amended by the deletion of the wording in brackets 'to Member's knowledge' and replaced with 'to your knowledge'.

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Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

11(i)(a) and (b) be amended to read

- (a) If the interest is not entered in the Members Register of Interests you must disclose both the existence and details of the interest to the meeting;
- (b) You must also formally notify the interest to the Director of Corporate Resources after the meeting in accordance with paragraph 10(4) above (if you have not already done so).

Personal Interests

5(a)(iv) amended to read

Any body of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management (other than as a Council appointee or nominated representative) or.

Sensitive Information

First line of 12 amended to read

Where you have an interest and the nature of the interest is such that you and the......

12(a) and (b) – substitution of the words – 'the member has' with – 'you have'.

Related Documents

- 14 Second sentence, delete the word 'Members' and replace with 'you'.
- (2) That the new procedure for the investigation of complaints set out in Appendix 2 be approved for submission to Council.

103. ANY URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair thanked all the Members and officers for their support and wished them well in the new arrangements.

The meeting, which started at 6.30pm, closed at 7.05pm.

CHAIR