

**London Borough of Islington**  
**Standards Committee – 17 October 2006**

Non-confidential minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 17th October 2006

**Present:** Father Jim Kennedy and Eric Sorensen  
Councillors Terry Stacy and Richard Watts

**Father Jim Kennedy in the Chair**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**  
Apologies were received from Jo Michie.
2. **DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)**  
None.
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (Item 3)**  
None.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**  
**RESOLVED:**  
That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and the chair authorised to sign them.
5. **THE COUNCIL'S POLICY UNDER THE REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (Item 5)**  
**RESOLVED:**  
That the report be noted.
6. **STATEMENT ON INTERNAL CONTROL (Item 6)**  
**RESOLVED:**  
That the draft Statement on Internal Control for 2005/06 be noted.
7. **NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE (Item 7)**  
**RESOLVED:**
  - (a) That the proposed NFI work programme and commitment from all Council departments to provide full co-operation and assistance be noted.
  - (b) That a report on the Council's Compliance with the Civil Contingencies Act be submitted to the next meeting together with the protocols used by Contact Islington which define how they use the personal details of customers kept by the Council.
8. **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE (Item 8)**  
**RESOLVED:**  
Mr. Manjit Kumar and Mr. Kit Peverley be co-opted as advisory members to the Committee until October 2007.

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Noted that these co-optees would not be entitled to sit on the Committee when it was considering allegations against a member following a referral to them by an Ethical Standards Officer.

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

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Standards and Ethics Indicators for the second and third quarters be noted.

### 10. **DRAFT PROTOCOL ON MEMBER/OFFICER RELATIONS (Item 10)**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the revised Protocol on Member/Officer Relations be welcomed and endorsed subject to the following amendments:

The final sentence in the last paragraph of Section 2.2 be amended to read 'They should not seek to give instructions to officers outside their areas of responsibility or terms of reference of their Committee'.

Para. 4.4(b) be amended with the addition of another sentence to read 'The Communications Department advise members where possible of photo shoots taking place in their wards'.

Para. 7.3(a) be amended to read:

'No officer of Islington Council (with the exception of the Heads of both Political Group Offices) should.....'

### 11. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2006 (Item 11)**

#### **RESOLVED:**

(a) That the draft annual report for 2006 be approved subject to adding the information about agreeing the appointment of the two co-opted advisory members.

(b) That the Chair present the report to the full Council on 5th December 2006 and to the four Area Committees to highlight the work of the Standards Committee.

### 12. **ANY URGENT BUSINESS (Item 12)**

#### **(a) Annual Standards Conference**

Councillor Stacy advised that he had attended one day of the conference and that the handouts and notes of the sessions would be available on the Standards Board website.

#### **(b) CIPFA High Ethical Standards Conference**

John Lynch would circulate details of the above conference to be held on 22nd November and anyone who wanted to attend should contact John direct.

#### **(c) Hearing Cases**

Agreed to have a short refresher on the procedure for hearing cases at the next meeting of the committee bearing in mind the change in membership.

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### 13. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Item 13)

#### RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following item as the presence of members of the public and press would result in the disclosure of exempt information within the terms of category 3 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in the Constitution.

### 14. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE (Item 14)

#### RESOLVED:

That the Council be recommended to agree to co-opt Mr. Kit Peverley and Mr. Manjit Kumar as non-voting advisory members to the Committee for a period of one year.

The meeting ended at 8.05 pm.

#### CHAIR

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