

London Borough of Islington
Standards Committee – 19 June 2007

Non-confidential minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 19 June 2007

Present: Diana Gibbs and Eric Sorensen
Councillors Terry Stacy and Richard Watts

Eric Sorensen in the Chair

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)

Mr. Manjit Kumar.

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 30th April 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

Noted that in respect of Democracy Week, Holloway School and Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Schools had agreed to take part in the Councillor Speed Dating. The Head of Democratic Services would contact the Whips of both Groups to get Members also willing to take part in the event and be available to meet and talk to the public as part of Open House Day at the Town Hall during that week.

5. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRAMME FOR 2007/8 (Item 5)

RESOLVED:

That the Strategic Audit Plan 2007-2010 and Operational Plan 2007/08 be approved.

6. PROGRESS AGAINST INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2006/07 (Item 6)

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

7. AUDIT COMMISSION - AUDIT AND INSPECTION PLAN 2007/08 (Item 7)

RESOLVED:

(1) That the Audit and Inspection Plan for 2007/08 be endorsed.

(2) That Lela Kogbara be asked to give a presentation to the next meeting of the committee on the new inspection regime for local government and how the Islington Strategic Partnership and Local Area Agreements fit into this framework.

(3) The Audit Commission would be asked to carry out the on-line Ethical Governance Survey again for early next year.

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8. STANDARDS AND ETHICS INDICATORS (Item 8)

RESOLVED:

(1) That the indicators for April and May 2007 be noted.

(2) The Senior Information Manager write to all Members advising them of the procedure to follow should they receive an FOI request direct to them and reminding Members of the need to register with the Information Commissioner if they hold any personal data on constituents.

9. MEMBERS' TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR 2007/08 (Item 9)

RESOLVED:

That the training and development programme for Members for 2007/08 be agreed.

Noted that further discussion was needed between the Whips and officers as to the best way of organising training on Community Engagement and Leadership for Members.

10. WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE COMMITTEE 2007/08

RESOLVED:

(1) That the work programme for 2007/08 be noted.

(2) The Chair, through the London-wide Independent Members Group, investigate what joint work could be done on election/husting advice, leading up to the GLA elections in May.

The meeting ended at 7.45pm.

CHAIR

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