

**London Borough of Islington**  
**Standards Committee – 16 October 2007**

Non-confidential minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 16 October 2007

**Present:** Father Jim Kennedy  
Eric Sorensen  
Diana Gibbs  
Godfrey Stadlen

Councillors Terry Stacy and Richard Watts

**Father Jim Kennedy in the Chair**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**  
Apologies were received from Manjit Kumar who was in hospital. The Committee wished him a speedy recovery.
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 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.  
  
The work programme for January 2008 would also include details on the new investigations framework procedure if the Government had issued their regulations by then.
5. **STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL (Item 5)**  
**RESOLVED:**  
That the report be noted and a glossary of abbreviations be circulated to the independent members of the Committee.
6. **NEW INSPECTION REGIME (Item 6)**  
**RESOLVED:**  
That Martin Tomlinson be thanked for an informative presentation on the new inspection regime and a copy of the Council's last CPA report be sent to Diana and Godfrey.
7. **ETHICS AND STANDARDS INDICATORS (Item 7)**  
**RESOLVED:**  
(i) That the indicators for the second and third quarters be approved.

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(ii) That Councillor Stacy be advised as to the definition of a Section 12 notice in relation to request number 114379 under FOI requests.

### **8. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2007 (Item 8)**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Draft Annual Report for 2007 be agreed and Father Jim present this to the full Council meeting on 4th December 2007.

Father Jim would also present this to the Area Committees on 7th January - South, 10th January - North, 11th March - West and 25th March - East.

### **9. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES (Item 9)**

Diana and Godfrey both fed back on the Assembly which they found useful as part of their induction. Main themes for the conference were the local filter, promoting ethical standards and the work of Committees and some of the challenges ahead with the new investigation framework. It was agreed that the Committee would consider the procedures necessary to implement the 'local filter' at its next meeting and that it would be important to ensure that all Committee members be trained before the provisions come into effect.

### **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(i) The Chair asked for a report to the next meeting on CRB checks and how this affected Tenant Management Organisations in the borough.

(ii) The Clerk advised that he would try to get a suitable article with photos in the February edition of the Islington Now Magazine promoting the Committee and its work. He would also speak with the Leaders of both groups about Diana shadowing them to see what their role involved.

(iii) Other members stated that they would also try to come along to a selection of Council and Committee meetings in 2008 to see how these were handled and how members interacted.

### **11. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on 14th January 2008.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm.

**CHAIR**

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