

London Borough of Islington
Standards Committee – 20th April 2010

Non-confidential minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 20th April 2010.

PRESENT: Diana Gibbs, Godfrey Stadlen, Jane McNeill and Alison Vydulinska.

Councillor George Allan

Godfrey Stadlen in the Chair

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING (Item 1)

RESOLVED:

That Godfrey Stadlen be elected Chair for the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 2)

Apologies for absence were received from Father Jim Kennedy and Councillor Phil Kelly.

3. DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 3)

None.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 4)

None.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 5)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

6. WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11 (Item 6)

RESOLVED:

That officers and members give further consideration as to other matters that can be added to the work programme.

Suggestions made at the meeting included inviting guest speakers; amendments to the Code of Conduct; annual meeting with the Chief Executive.

7. STANDARDS AND ETHICS INDICATORS (Item 7)

RESOLVED:

(1) In relation to the 11 new Ombudsman complaints received concerning the Environment and Regeneration Department, noted that these related to a mixture of service areas.

(2) Future reports include details and outcomes of complaints made to the Information Commissioner.

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8. ON-LINE CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING (Item 8)

RESOLVED:

- (1) That members be sent the link to the on-line training site and send any comments they have on the proposed training to John Lynch.
- (2) In relation to Case Study 2 on Scenarios, the question be amended to read 'Could Councillor B's conduct amount to bullying?'
- (3) Officers investigate whether further training around equalities, data security etc., could also be added to the site.
- (4) Members be encouraged to do the on-line training by the 1st October 2010 following their induction sessions in May.

9. NEXT MEETING (Item 9)

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on 15th June 2010.

10. ANY URGENT BUSINESS (Item 10)

Information Sharing

Independent Members discussed how they could keep in touch with each other and abreast of issues and share their experiences.

It was agreed that if Members attended meetings or picked up on particular matters outside of the formal Standards meetings they would e-mail each other the details of this.

The meeting which started at 7.00 pm finished at 8.10 pm.

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