

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

Minutes of the meeting of the STANDARDS COMMITTEE which was open to the press and public, held at LEWISHAM TOWN HALL, CATFORD, SE6 4RU on TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Present

Independent members: Sally Hawkins (Chair), David Roper-Newman, Cathy Sullivan and Linzi Banks.

Councillors Paul Maslin, Philip Peake and Romayne Phoenix.

Apologies for absence were received from Gill Butler, Eva Stamirowski and Leslie Thomas

Action

MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None was declared

PRESENTATION BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE RE LEWISHAM'S APPROACH TO ETHICS

Barry Quirk, Chief Executive addressed the Committee and gave a presentation entitled, "Be Good to Do Good" – creating a positive ethical climate. It was a personal perspective of ethical conduct.

The presentation generated thought provoking debate and relevant discussion between the Chief Executive and Committee members.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION FROM THE MAYOR RE LEWISHAM'S APPROACH TO ETHICS

The Mayor for Lewisham, Sir Steve Bullock prepared a written submission on Lewisham's approach to ethics which was circulated with the agenda.

Action

RESOLVED that the written submission be noted.

STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND TRAINING ‘ LOCAL ASSESSMENTS’ - VIDEO

The Standards for England DVD entitled “Assessment made clear – Local assessment of complaints” was partially shown. It was agreed that the remainder of the training DVD be shown at the next meeting of the Standards Committee; or that copies be made available for Committee members.

RESOLVED that the showing of the DVD presentation be concluded at the next meeting of the Standards Committee; or that copies be made available for Committee members.

PRE-ASSESSMENTS OUTCOME

Kath Nicholson, Head of Law and Monitoring Officer gave a verbal presentation on the pre –hearing assessment considered by the Standards (Assessment) Sub-Committee A on the 24th November 2009.

The Standards (Assessment) Sub-Committee A decided that no action be taken on the allegation.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be arranged

The meeting ended at 9:15pm

Chair