

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 9 NOVEMBER 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Present

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

Councillors Duwayne Brooks, Julia Fletcher, Stella Jeffrey and Sam Owolabi-Oluyole.

Apologies for absence were received from Alan Hall, Pauline Morrison and Gill Butler.

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| 1 | <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</u> None was declared. |
| 2 | <u>MINUTES</u> RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 th June 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. |
| 3 | <u>ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORT</u> Ralph Wilkinson, Head of Public Services, presented the report which provided an update on all the stages of the Council's complaints performance for 2009/10. A summary of the Independent Adjudicator's report and a summary of the Local Government Ombudsman's Annual review was also considered. RESOLVED that the report be noted. |
| 4 | <u>COMPLIANCE WITH MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT</u> Kath Nicholson, Head of Law and Monitoring Officer presented the report and explained that the report provides information about the extent of compliance with the Member Code of |

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RESOLVED that the report be noted.

5 PRE ASSESSMENTS OUTCOME

Kath Nicholson, Head of Law and Monitoring Officer introduced the report and reported on the outcome of a complaint considered by Standards Assessment Sub Committee C.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

6 FUTURE OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Kath Nicholson, Head of Law and Monitoring Officer presented the report which set out the current proposals of the Coalition Government to abolish the existing statutory ethical framework .

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that the Monitoring Officer make representations to the Department for Communities and Local Government in accordance with her comments set out in the report.

7 TRAINING EXERCISE

It was agreed that the proposed training exercise be postponed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8th March 2011

The meeting ended at 9:00 pm

Chair