



Brent

Standards Committee

Thursday 9 January 2014 at 7.00 pm

Boardroom - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way,
Wembley, HA9 0FJ

Membership:

Members

Independent:
Sheila Darr

first alternates

second alternates

Councillors:

Ketan Sheth (Chair)
Cummins
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Harrison
HB Patel

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Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

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This report presents the Standards Committee with the Independent Investigator's report in relation to allegations that Councillor Paul Lorber breached the Code of Conduct. This independent report was commissioned by the Monitoring Officer in accordance with the decision of this Committee on 17 October 2013 that an investigation should take place.

Ward Affected: All Wards

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5 Annual report from the Monitoring Officer	59 - 66
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This is the Monitoring Officer's Annual Report to the Standards Committee for the period December 2012 to December 2013 and provides an update on member conduct issues, and the work of the Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer during that period. This report also reviews the introduction of the new Standards regime which was introduced in July 2012.

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6 Review of the Member Development Programme and Members' Expenses 67 - 80

The purpose of this report is to review the Member Development Programme and members' travel expenses.

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7 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled to take place on 9 March 2014.

8 Any other urgent business

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