

## **Standards Committee**

## Tuesday 9 December 2014 at 7.00 pm

Board Room 5 -Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ

### Membership:

Members

Councillors:

Dixon (Chair) Kabir (Vice-Chair) Krupa Sheth Thomas Warren

**Co-opted Member:** 

Sheila Darr

Independents:

Vacancy

**Substitute Members** 

Councillors:

Khan, Mahmood, McLeish and Tatler

Councillors:

Davidson and Ms Shaw

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### **Agenda**

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

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#### 1 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests

Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, any relevant financial or other interest in the items on this agenda.

#### 2 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 March 2014

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The minutes are attached.

#### 3 Matters arising

# 4 Review of the Member Development Programme and members' 5 - 44 expenses

The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Standards Committee with a review of the rolling Member Development Programme and provides information regarding the updated Members' Expenses Scheme. This report outlines the member learning and development sessions delivered for members since May 2014, and also the upcoming winter quarter of the member learning and development programme (January-April 2014).

## 5 Review of the Protocol for Member/Office Relations and the Local 45 - 62 Code of Corporate Governance

Members periodically review the codes and protocols which form part of the Constitution and which set out standards of conduct for members and for the council generally. The Protocol for Member/Office Relations and the Local Code of Corporate Governance have been reviewed and some amendments are proposed to those documents.

#### 6 Annual report of the Monitoring Officer

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This is the Monitoring Officer's annual report to the Standards Committee for the period December 2013 to December 2014 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 Code of Conduct and related codes in June 2014 following the local elections in May 2014.

#### 7 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Standards Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 25 March 2015 at 7.00 pm.

#### 8 Any other urgent business

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Democratic Services Manager or his representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 64.



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