



Meeting: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 30th January 2008

Time: 7.30 pm

**Venue: Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, Brent Town Hall,
Forty Lane, Wembley**

AGENDA

Membership:

**Independent Members: JOHN MANN (C)
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Introductions, if appropriate
Apologies for absence

1. **Declarations of Interest (if any)**

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

2. Deputations (if any)

p. 1 3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 15th October 2008**

4. **Matters Arising**

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Review of Members' Expenses – May 2006 to April 2007

The London Borough of Brent Members' Allowance scheme makes provision for the payment of travel expenses to members. Appendix 1 outlines expenses claimed over the period from May 2006 to April 2007.

Appendix 1 is attached for information.

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The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 – Changes to the Ethical Standards Framework

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 has introduced changes to the ethical standards framework, including changes to the role of the Standards Committee. This report explains what the new framework is and the new duties imposed on the committee.

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New Requirements for Considering the Complaints against Members

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 has introduced changes to the role of the Standards Committee in investigating and hearing complaints about members conduct. As a result of the changes it is likely that the composition of the Standards Committee will have to change. This report explains the new procedure that must be followed where a complaint is made about a members conduct and discusses some options for the new makeup of the Committee.

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Planning Code of Practice Review

This is an annual report from the Borough Solicitor following the Planning Code of Practice Review for the period June 2006 to May 2007.

Appendix 1 is attached for information.

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Annual Report of the Monitoring Officer (Including the Review of the Register of Gifts and Hospitality and the Register of Member's Interests)


This is the Monitoring Officer's Annual Report to the Standards Committee for the period May 2006 to April 2007. This report provides an update on member conduct issues, and the work of the Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer during that period.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on 26th March 2008.

11. Any other business

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