



Meeting: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 26th March 2008

Time: 7.00 pm

**Venue: Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, Brent Town Hall,
Forty Lane, Wembley**

AGENDA

Membership:

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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 – 30th January 2008**

4. **Matters Arising**

p. 5 5. Report from the Mayor's Office and Member Development Manager

Review of Member Development Programme – May 2006 to April 2008

The purpose of this report is to review the Member Development Programme since the local elections in May 2006. Members are asked to note this report, which outlines the background to the Member Development Programme, activity and achievements since 2006, constraints for the programme and future opportunities.

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Annual Work Programme 2008-2009

This report sets out the work of the Standards Committee over the past municipal year and also seeks members' agreement to a proposed work programme for the Committee for the forthcoming municipal year for 2008/9.

Appendices 1 and 2 are attached for information

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Standards Board for England Statistics

This report sets out some of the latest statistics provided by the Standards Board for England on the number of complaints received by the Standards Board, the number of matters investigated and the decisions that were made.

Appendix 1 is attached for information

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Composition of the Standards Committee

This report discusses the need to change the structure of the Standards Committee as a result of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and recommends that the committee adopt a new structure that includes the creation of two sub-committees and the appointment of alternates to both the main Committee and the sub-committees.

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Local Investigations Procedures

This report provides members with a copy of the Council's Procedure for Local Investigations of Allegations of Misconduct Against Members of the Council.

Appendix 1 is attached for information


10. **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed and will be agreed at the meeting of the full Council on Monday, 19th May 2008.

11. **Any other business**

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