



Meeting: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 24th June 2008

Time: 7.00 pm

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

AGENDA

Membership:

**Independent Members: JOHN MANN (C)
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**Councillor Members: BESSONG
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Item no. 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 of other interest in the items on the agenda.

2. **Deputations (if any)**

p. 1 3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 26th March 2008**

4. **Matters Arising**

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Standards Sub-Committees

This report asks members to agree to the creation of two new sub-committees of the Standards Committee. One will carry out the initial assessment of any allegation that a member has breached the Code of Conduct and the other will carry out any review of a decision not to investigate an allegation. This report also sets out the terms of reference for the sub-committees and asks members to appoint the members and the alternates to both sub-committees.

Appendices 1 and 2 are attached for information

p. 13 6. Report from the Borough Solicitor

Applications for Political Restriction

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 recently transferred the function of granting and supervising the exemptions from political restriction from an Independent Adjudicator to the Standards Committee. This report explains what political restriction is and the basis on which an exemption can be granted.

7. Training session from the Mayor's Office and Member Development Manager

Ethical standards framework

There will be a training session for members on the new ethical standards framework which has been adopted following the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 5th November 2008.

9. **Any other business**

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