



Meeting: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 5th November 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
COLWILL
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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 or other interest in the items on the agenda.

2. **Deputations (if any)**

p. 1 3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 24th June 2008**

4. **Matters Arising**

p. 5 5. Report from the Director of Communication and Diversity

Review of Members' Expenses - April 2007 to April 2008

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 April 2007 to April 2008.

Appendices 1 and 2 are attached for information

p. 9 6. Report from the Borough Solicitor

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

The Monitoring Officer's Annual Report to the Standards Committee for the period May 2007 to April 2008 is presented for members' consideration. This report provides an update on member conduct issues, and on the work of the Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer during that period.

Appendix 1 is attached for information

p. 33 7. Report from the Borough Solicitor

New Model Code of Conduct

The Department of Communities and Local Government has recently issued a consultation document setting out proposed changes to the current Model Code of Conduct. This report discusses the changes and the steps the Council will take in response to the consultation and any new Model Code of Conduct.


Appendix 1 is attached for information

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 21st January 2009.

9. Any other business

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