



Standards Committee

Monday 25 June 2012 at 7.00 pm
Committee Room 1, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane,
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Membership:

Members

Independents:

Angela Ruotolo (Chair)
Sola Afuape (Vice-Chair)

first alternates

Sheila Darr
John Mann

second alternates

Councillors:

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HB Patel
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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 1 - 4

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2011 are attached. The minutes of the meeting that took place on 2 May 2012 will follow.

3 Matters arising (if any)

4 Annual review of the Member Development Programme May 2011 - April 2012 5 - 10

The purpose of this report is to review the Member Development Programme. The report outlines the development sessions delivered for members since May 2011 including tailored role development sessions, technical skills development and personal skills development. This report also outlines some future plans for the programme, including a series of 'drop-in' sessions to help prepare members for the move to the Civic Centre, community engagement sessions including ward working projects and community safety, and an event looking at the 'councillors as school governor' role including the wider issue of probity in schools.

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5 New Standards regime under Localism Act 11 - 24

A report to update the Committee on the implications of the Localism Act 2011 and the regulations published on 8th June 2012 setting out the new Code of Conduct and advice on pecuniary interests.

Ward Affected: All Wards **Contact Officer:** Fiona Ledden,
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6 Application to remove political restriction

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Following changes to legislation under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 the responsibility for considering and making exemptions in respect of posts that are politically restricted became the responsibility of the Standards Committee, previously the responsibility of the Independent Adjudicator.

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7 Sub-Committee membership changes (if any)

8 Any Other Urgent Business

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