



## Standards Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Standards Committee held on Monday November 23 2009 at 7.00pm at Southwark Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

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**PRESENT:** Mark Roelofsen (Chair)  
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle  
Councillor James Barber  
Councillor Paul Bates  
Councillor David Hubber  
Councillor Robert Smeath

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Deborah Collins, Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance  
Norman Coombe, Principal Lawyer, Governance Team  
Ian Mark, Senior Lawyer, Governance Team  
Melissa Bolton, Senior Lawyer  
Andrew Weir, Constitutional Officer

### 1. APOLOGIES

There were apologies for lateness from Councillors James Barber and Michelle Holford. Apologies for absence were received from independent members Peter Bibby and Wendy Golding.

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The members listed as present were confirmed as the voting members.

### 3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

The chair accepted an amended version of page 1 of the local filter procedures.

### 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

## **5. AMENDMENT TO THE LOCAL FILTER PROCEDURE RULES**

The committee heard from Norman Coombe, principal lawyer, governance team. He advised the committee that there were a number of minor amendments to be made to the local filter procedures, including the addition of a consideration committee in paragraph 1 of the procedures.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the standards committee noted the report.
2. That the standards committee agreed to amend the local filter procedure rules as shown in appendix A of the report.

## **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was moved, seconded and

### **RESOLVED:**

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in category 7c of paragraph 10.4 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Southwark Constitution.

The following is a summary of the decisions taken in the closed section of the meeting.

## **6. CONSIDERATION HEARING FOR COMPLAINT REFERENCE LF005-09**

The standards committee considered the report of the investigating officer attached as appendix B to the report, in accordance with the council's local filter procedure.

The standards committee accepted the findings by the investigating officer that there has been no failure to comply with the authority's code of conduct.

The meeting closed at 7.06pm.

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**