

## MINUTES OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD ON

27 August 2008

7.40pm – 7.55pm

### PRESENT

Brian Spencer (Chairman)

David Evans (Vice Chairman)

### COUNCILLORS

Manny Doku

Muriel Jolles

Patrick McClarnon

Lesley Rideout

Edna Stevens

### APOLOGIES

David Carter

Jean Clark

Maggie Hulcoop

Eleanor Macy

### 9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 10. MINUTES

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2008 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 11. MATTERS ARISING

None.

### 12. RECRUITMENT OF NEW INDEPENDENT MEMBER

The Monitoring Officer, Mike White, reported verbally that the advertisement for the recruitment of an additional Independent Member would be appearing in the local press in the next couple of days and that he hoped interviews would be held by the end of September 2008.

**RESOLVED** to note the verbal update.

13. **REVIEW OF STANDARDS TRAINING**

The Committee reviewed the two in-house training sessions it received on 13 August 2008 and 27 August 2008 on the new Standards Committee regime and noted that formal evaluation forms would be circulated in due course.

Members agreed that the training was very worthwhile and thanked the Monitoring Officer for the comprehensive training and reference materials.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) to note the review of the two in-house training sessions on the new Standards Committee regime;
- (ii) that appropriate in-house training on the new Standards Committee regime be arranged for all Council Members by November 2008;
- (iii) that in-house training on the Standards Committee regime be provided on an annual basis in August for the Standards Committee.

14. **ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES**

**RESOLVED** to note that arrangements would be made for David Evans (Independent Member), Muriel Jolles, Manny Doku and Jane Smith (Committee Services) to attend the Annual Assembly of Standards Committees.

15. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE