

Standards Committee

Agenda

Wednesday 20 July 2011
7.00 pm
Committee Room 4 - Hammersmith Town Hall

MEMBERSHIP

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Item

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN** The Constitution provides that the Committee shall elect its own Chairman with the intention that this shall be one of the appointed independent members on annual rotation. 2. **MINUTES** 1 - 3 To approve as an accurate record, and the Chairman to sign, the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 March 2010. 3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** 4. If a Councillor has any prejudicial or personal interest in a particular report he/she should declare the existence and nature of the interest at the commencement of the consideration of the item or as soon as it becomes apparent. At meetings where members of the public are allowed to be in attendance and speak, any Councillor with a prejudicial interest may also make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter. The Councillor must then withdraw immediately from the meeting before the matter is discussed and any vote taken, unless a dispensation has been obtained from the Standards Committee. Where members of the public are not allowed to be in attendance, then the Councillor with a prejudicial interest should withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is under consideration, unless the disability has been removed by the Standards Committee. **FUTURE OF THE STANDARDS REGIME** 5. 4 - 9 This report provides an update on the passage of the Localism Bill through Parliament. A further report will be circulated to Members at a later date in order to determine the future of the Standards regime at H&F.

6. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES OUTTURN REPORT 2010/11

This report responds to a request from the Committee to receive annually a report on the Members' Allowances Scheme and the amount each Member was paid in the previous year.

This report outlines the activity of the Assessment and Review Sub-Committees in determining complaints against Members of the Council.