



Minutes

Name of Meeting:	Standards Committee
Date of Meeting:	5 December 2008
Present:	Councillors: Mr K Frazer (Independent Member) (Chairman), D Grugeon, T Rogers, Mr J Williams (Independent Member), Ms L Wood (Independent Member) and Mr J Woolmore (Independent Member)

08-09sc25 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors King, Fairbairn and Bootiman.

08-09sc26 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

08-09sc27 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DECLARATION OF POLITICAL WHIP

There were no declarations of interest.

08-09sc28 COMMUNICATIONS

There were no matters of communication.

08-09sc29 BRIEFING ON ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Chairman provided a written report following his attendance at the annual conference of the Standards Board for England.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

08-09sc30 ANTI FRAUD STRATEGY AND WHISTLE BLOWING

The Committee received the annual report on the effectiveness of the anti- fraud and whistleblowing strategies. The report gave the Committee the opportunity to monitor the effectiveness of the policies relating to standards of conduct throughout the Council.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

08-09sc31 LOCAL ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

The Committee noted that since the last meeting two complaints against Councillors had been received. Comments were made on the extremely large volume of papers which members of complaints sub-committees can be required to read.

RESOLVED to note the report.

08-09sc32 ITEMS TO BE REPORTED AT COUNCIL

Noted that there were no matters to be referred to Council, other than the Annual Report of the Standards Committee which would be brought to the 26 March 2009 meeting of Council presented by the Vice-Chairman.

08-09sc33 FINAL MEETING

In view of this being the final meeting of the Standards Committee of the authority prior to its abolition on 31 March 2009, the Chairman thanked all the members of the Committee for their work and the Officers for their support given to the Committee particularly in the area of Local Assessment.

John Williams spoke on behalf of the Committee to thank the Chairman for his exceptionally helpful care and professionalism.

The meeting concluded at 10.30am.

Chairman.....

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