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Standards Committee Agenda

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Monday 2 March 2009

6.30pm

Committee Rooms 3 and 4, 17th Floor, Westminster City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP

Councillors:

Michael Brahams, DL Ruth Bush Rupert D'Cruz Robert Davis, DL Angela Hooper, DL, CBE Tim Mitchell Alastair Moss Steve Summers

Independent Member: Lord Richard Best, OBE (Vice-Chairman) The Very Rev John Hall (Chairman) Elizabeth Peace, CBE Lord Dennis Stevenson, CBE

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AGENDA

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive declarations by Members and Officers of any personal or prejudicial interests in matters on this agenda.

2. MINUTES

To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 11 February 2009.

3. OVERVIEW OF ETHICAL STANDARDS AND RELATED MATTERS (pages 1 to 19)

Report of Head of Legal Services, Director of Finance and the Strategic Director of Resources (attached)

4. ETHICAL GOVERNANCE AUDIT: FOLLOW UP (pages 20 to 55)

Report of Head of Legal Services (attached)

5. WORK PROGRAMME (pages 56 to 58)

Report of the Head of Legal Services (attached).

6. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE (pages 59 to 62)

Report of the Head of Legal Services (attached).

7. REVIEW OF PROTOCOL RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Report of Head of Legal Services (to follow).

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

PETER LARGE Head of Legal Services 23 February 2009 WARD (If applicable)