



CITY OF WESTMINSTER

MINUTES

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

At the meeting of the **Standards Committee** held concurrently with the General Purposes Committee at 6.00pm on Wednesday 30 April 2014 at Porchester Hall, Porchester Road, Bayswater, London, W2 5DU

Members Present: Councillors Tim Mitchell David Boothroyd, Michael Brahams, Ruth Bush, Tony Devenish, Louise Hyams and Alastair Moss.

Independent Person: Councillors Melvyn Caplan and Robert Davis

1. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 Apologies of absence were received from Councillor Ian Adams.
- 1.2 As it was necessary, given the meeting was held concurrently with the General Purposes, it was agreed that Councillor Caplan should chair the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 No interests were declared.

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 **RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2014 be approved.

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT (see report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services)

- 4.1 Peter Large, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, introduced the report and outlined the reasons for the report.
- 4.2 Members of both committees confirmed that the changes proposed met the concerns which had been expressed by the General Purposes Committee.

4.3 Resolved:

That in view of the decision of the General Purposes Urgency Sub-Committee to refer the issues set out in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.5 of the report to the Standards Committee, the Committee agrees the revisions to the Code proposed by Officers and recommend these to the General Purposes Committee for adoption by the Council as part of the Constitution, at its Annual meeting on 4 June 2014.

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

6.1 The meeting ended at 6.19pm.

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____