

Standards Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2008

Present:

Mr J.A. Snadden – In the Chair
Councillors Burns, Evans, Firth and O'Callaghan,
Mrs E. Carmichael and Mrs A. Isles

ST/08/20 Minutes

Decision

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2008.

ST/08/21 Autumn/Winter Members' Update on Ethical Governance

A report of the City Solicitor was submitted requesting the Standards Committee's comments on and approval of the draft autumn/winter member's update on Ethical Governance and approval of arrangements for a briefing for members on ethical governance issues.

The Committee noted that the "Handbook for Leaders – a guide to your responsibility and accountability" is being launched on 10 September 2008 and that a copy of the handbook would be circulated to all members and senior officers. In the light of the launch of the Handbook for Leaders the Committee agreed to extend the proposed briefing for members to incorporate issues of ethical governance which were contained in the handbook. It was agreed that the seminar should be arranged to coincide with a date in the Committee cycle which are already in members' diaries and all independent members of the Standards Committee should attend if possible.

The Committee approved the draft Members update for circulation to all members. A hard copy of the update would be circulated with the Council Documents.

Decision

1. To approve the content of the draft Members' Update on Ethical Governance for circulation to all members.
2. To agree that a briefing for all members on ethical governance issues be arranged to coincide with a date in the Committee cycle.