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City of Westminster

Title:

Standards Committee

Meeting Date:

Monday 15 November 2010

Time:

6.30pm

Venue:

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

Members:

Councillors:

Ian Adams
Michael Brahams, DL
Ruth Bush
Danny Chalkley
Louise Hyams
Guthrie McKie
Tim Mitchell
Alastair Moss

Independent Members:

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



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AGENDA

**WARD
(If applicable)**

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 meeting held on 13 July 2010.

3. FUTURE OF THE STANDARDS REGIME

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, attached (pages 7 - 10)

4. REVIEW OF THE CODE OF GOVERNANCE

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, attached (pages 11 - 87)

5. RESULTS OF THE BEST PRACTICE EXERCISE

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, attached (pages 88 - 104)

6. REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S COMPLAINTS HANDLING PROCEDURE

Report of the Complaints and Customer Manager, attached (pages 105 - 107)

7. APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS FROM THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, attached (pages 108 - 116)

8. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services attached
(pages 117 - 121)

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS
URGENT**

PETER LARGE
Head of Legal and Democratic Services
8th November 2010