



**Metropolitan Police Authority**

**Assessment Sub-Committee**

Minutes of the meeting of the **Standards Committee - Assessment Sub Committee**, held on 3 September 2009 at 10.00 am at Meeting Room 2, 10 Dean Farrar Street, London SW1H 0NY

**Present:**

**Assessment Sub-Committee members:** Anne Dickens, Toby Harris and Deborah Regal.

**MPA Officers** Simon Vile (MPA Monitoring Officer) and Nick Baker (Head of Committee Services).

**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING**  
(Agenda item 1)

1.1 Nominations were sought from members to chair the meeting and Anne Dickens proposed and seconded to chair the meeting.

**RESOLVED** – That Anne Dickens Chair the meeting of the Assessment Sub-Committee.

**2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2.1 The Chair reminded members that pursuant to Regulation 8 of the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008/1085 and the Standards Board for England's guidance. 'Local Assessment of Complaints' the entire meeting would be held in private and that the discussions were confidential.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
(Agenda item 3)

3.1 No declarations were made.

**RESOLVED** - That

**4. COMPLAINT AGAINST MEMBERS**  
(Agenda item 3)

4.1 The Assessment Sub-Committee considered a report and confidential papers from the MPA's Monitoring Officer of a written complaint received alleging that a member of the MPA and an external member of an MPA committee may have breached the MPA's Code of Conduct. .

- 4.2 In considering the complaint, members were satisfied that the papers circulated with the agenda and subsequent papers submitted by the complainant were enough to allow them to consider the matter before them.
- 4.3 The Chair of the Sub-Committee informed members that the complainant had requested that the meeting of the Sub-Committee be delayed, however, the request was declined as members were keen for the complaint to be considered within the 20 day timescale specified in the MPA's procedure.
- 4.1 Having considered the complaint the Assessment Sub-Committee resolved as set out below.
- 4.3 Further details and the reasons for the decision made by Sub-Committee are given in the Decision Notice which is appended to these minutes as **Appendix 1**.

**RESOLVED** – That

1. in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, no action be taken on the complaint;
2. the main points the Assessment Sub-Committee considered and the reasons for its conclusion be recorded (which are contained in the Decision Notice appended to these minutes);
3. a written summary of the complaint that was produced to the Sub-Committee and the identity of the complainant be provided to the members complained about.

The meeting closed at 1.40 pm