

ASSESSMENT SUB (STANDARDS) COMMITTEE

Friday, 29 January 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Assessment Sub (Standards) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 11.15 am

Present

Members:

Nigel Challis
Mark Greenburgh

Oliver Lodge
Edward Lord

Officers:

Gemma Stokley	- Town Clerk's Department
Lorraine Brook	- Town Clerk's Department
Michael Cogher	- Comptroller and City Solicitor
Edward Wood	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Deborah Cluett	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department

1. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

2. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no additional, urgent business for consideration.

3. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1-3 of Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act: -

Item Nos.

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Paragraph(s) in Schedule 12A

1-3

4. **COMPLAINT BY LM AGAINST MB - POINTS OF CLARIFICATION**

The Sub-Committee considered documentation provided by the City Surveyor and the Town Clerk in response to a request for written clarification on a number of issues that had arisen at their last meeting on 21 January 2016.

The Sub-Committee reviewed all of the documentation that had been submitted to date in respect of one allegation.

Having reviewed the additional documentation before them alongside that submitted to the original Sub Committee on 21 January 2016 and having

considered the current City Corporation assessment criteria, it was agreed unanimously that no breach of the Code of Conduct had been evidenced.

RESOLVED - Having carefully considered the allegation and read all of the relevant papers, the Committee were satisfied that the allegation was not evidenced and that there had therefore been no breach of the Code of Conduct. It appeared to the Sub-Committee that the Respondent had simply forwarded on the email in neutral terms as would be expected of any member in receipt of such correspondence and there was no evidence of any inappropriate influence. The Committee therefore decided unanimously that the complaint should not be referred for investigation and that no further action should be taken.

5. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

There were no questions raised in the non-public session.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no additional, urgent items of business raised in the non-public session.

The meeting closed at 12.55 pm

Chairman

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