

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

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Title: Death of Kevin Madden, former Independent Chair of Standards Committee	
Report of: Graham Farrant, Chief Executive	
Open	For Information
Wards Affected: None	Key Decision: No
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Summary: <p>The Assembly is asked to note with deep regret that Kevin Madden, the former Independent Chair of the Standards Committee passed away on 27 March 2013 and was cremated at South Essex Crematorium on Wednesday 10th April.</p> <p>Kevin was appointed as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee on 14 May 2008 and as Independent Chair on 11 October 2010 until 30 June 2012 when his term of office expired.</p> <p>Kevin began his career in local government at the London Borough of Havering as the first corporate administrative trainee. He moved from Havering in 1982 to take up the post of Head of Information Services at Harlow District Council, retiring in 2005 as Harlow's Deputy Chief Executive.</p> <p>Throughout his career Kevin worked tirelessly to promote openness and high ethical standards, working with the Institution of Local Government Studies to produce one of the first Citizens' Charters and liaising with the Local Government Ombudsman on a complaints procedure which was used as a model by councils throughout the country.</p> <p>Kevin brought his knowledge and experience to the Standards Committee, working with and supporting Elected Members and other Independent Members. He always made time for Members and officers alike; indeed he attended in excess of 70 meetings, including the Assembly. His sense of fairness, good humour and ability to understand the role of members in the community made him an ideal chair of the Standards committee. He will be greatly missed.</p>	
Recommendation/Reason: The Assembly is asked to note the report.	