


Non-Executive Report of the: Standards Advisory Committee 15 March 2016	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Monitoring Officer	Classification: Unrestricted
Committee Membership Update	

<u>Originating Officer(s)</u>	Melani Clay, Director of Law, Probity & Governance
<u>Wards affected</u>	All wards

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report notes the resignation of Matthew Rowe as an independent co-opted member and Chair of the Advisory Committee and informs members of the current overall position regarding co-opted membership of the Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee note the content of this report and join with the Monitoring Officer in thanking Matthew Rowe for his hard work and dedication to public office.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Mr Matthew Rowe has served as a co-opted member of the Advisory Committee since 2009. He is a former vice chair of the Committee and was appointed Chair in 2012. Mr Rowe has recently permanently moved out of the borough and therefore decided to tender his resignation which was reluctantly accepted by the Monitoring Officer on 23 February 2016.
- 3.2 The membership of the advisory Committee is subject to the annual reconstitution of the Committee at the Council's AGM. The membership of the Committee includes councillors and up to seven voting co-opted members. Councillors are appointed to the Committee annually in accordance with the requirements of political proportionality. The Council has specified that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee should be drawn from amongst the co-opted members. Article 9 of the Council's Constitution, provides that the appointment of co-opted members must be approved by full Council and such appointments will generally be for 4 years. Article 9 also provides co-opted members may serve as many terms of appointment as the Council considers appropriate.
- 3.3 Following Mr Rowe's resignation the Monitoring Officer will be arranging to recruit an additional co-opted member of the Committee and this appointment will be subject to the approval of full Council. There are six remaining co-opted members of the Advisory Committee whose terms of office are as follows:
- Mr Eric Pemberton (Vice Chair) – first appointed in 2008, current term expires in May 2016.
 - Ms Salina Bagum - first appointed in 2009, current term expires in May 2016.
 - Mr John Pulford MBE – appointed in 2013, term expires in September 2017.
 - Ms Nafisa Adam - appointed in 2015, term expires in February 2019.
 - Mr Michael James Houston - appointed in 2015, term expires in February 2019.
 - Mr Daniel Mc Laughlin - appointed in 2015, term expires in May 2019.
- 3.5 A report will therefore be prepared by the Monitoring Officer to inform full Council of the current position in respect of the co-opted membership of the Committee. Full Council will determine whether to offer to reappoint to and/or advertise for the two co-opted member positions which will become vacant in May 2016.

4. OBSERVATIONS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising out of this report.

5. LEGAL SERVICES COMMENTS

5.1 This report has been prepared by the Monitoring Officer and incorporates legal comments.

6. IMPLICATIONS FOR ONE TOWER HAMLETS

6.1 The co-opted members of the Standards (Advisory) Committee are drawn from a variety of communities represented within the borough. The Council seeks to attract applicants from all sectors and communities represented locally to ensure diversity within the Committee membership.

7. ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no anti-poverty implications arising from this report.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The Standards (Advisory) Committee plays a key role in ensuring the adequacy of the Council's Governance arrangements and the ethical and assurance framework.

9. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT (SAGE)

9.1 There are no SAGE implications arising from this report.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no specific crime and disorder reduction implications arising out of this report.

11. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

11.1 This report is not concerned with proposed expenditure, the use of resources or reviewing/changing service delivery and an efficiency statement is not therefore required.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2000 (SECTION 97)
LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS
REPORT**

Brief description of "background paper"	Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection
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No unpublished background papers were relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report.