


<p style="text-align: center;">Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Standards (Advisory) Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">22 September 2016</p>	
<p>Report of: Melanie Clay, Corporate Director for Law Probity and Governance</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Recruitment of Reserve Independent Person and Independent Co-opted Members</p>	

Originating Officer(s)	Mark Norman, Deputy Monitoring Officer
Wards affected	All

Summary

This report informs members of Advisory Committee of the current position regarding recruitment of a Reserve Independent Person and additional Independent Co-opted members of the Committee.

Recommendations:

The Standards (Advisory) Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the content of this report.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

1.1 N/A

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

2.1 N/A

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 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
- 3.2 There are currently three vacancies for Independent Co-opted Members of the Advisory Committee and on 20 July 2016, the full Council agreed to the recruitment of a Reserve Independent Person and three Independent Co-opted Members.
- 3.3 Following the decision of full Council, an advertisement for the roles was placed in the Council's Our East End September quarterly publication and in two editions of the East London Advertiser (on 8 and 15 September 2016). In addition the advertisement has been included on the Council and the East London Advertiser website.
- 3.4 The closing date for applications is 12 October 2016, following which candidates will be short listed against criteria contained in role descriptions and person specifications. It is proposed that short listed candidates will be interviewed by a panel comprising the Chair of the Advisory Committee and two Council officers.
- 3.5 Following completion of the recruitment exercise a report will be prepared by the Monitoring Officer to inform full Council of the outcome of the recruitment with recommendations for the appointment of successful candidates.

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 Deputy 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.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

None

Appendices

None

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (as amended)

List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- None

Officer contact details for documents:

- N/A