



# Standards Advisory Committee

Thursday, 23 June 2022 at 6.30 p.m.

Committee Room One - Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

## Agenda

**Chair:** To be elected at the meeting.

**Vice Chair:** To be elected at the meeting.

### Members

Councillor Shafi Ahmed, Councillor Sabina Akhtar, Councillor Amin Rahman, Councillor Sirajul Islam and Councillor Abu Chowdhury

### Co-opted Members:

John Pulford MBE, Fiona Browne and Mike Houston

**Substitutes:** Councillor Amina Ali and Councillor Asma Begum

### Observers (Independent Persons):

Amanda Orchard ((Independent Person)) and Rachael Tiffen (Independent Person)

[The quorum for this body is 3 voting Members]

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## A Guide to Standards Advisory Committee

The Standards Advisory Committee performs a number of functions to maintain high standards of conduct in public life. These include:

- Promoting and maintaining the Members Code of Conduct and other local protocols.
- Assisting in training and offering advice on matters relating to the codes.
- Advising the Council on the adoption and revision of the Code of Conduct and the various Protocols included in the Constitution.
- Considering any potential breaches of the Members Code of Conduct.

Meetings are open to the public to attend. However, the Committee or any of its Sub-Committees may meet in private, in accordance with the relevant legislation, to consider business.

The Standards Advisory Committee is made up of Councillors, Independent Persons (as defined in the Localism Act 2011) and Co-opted Members. A [timetable for meeting dates and deadlines](#) can be found here. The quorum for this body is 3 of the total membership including at least one Councillor and one Co-opted member.

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# London Borough of Tower Hamlets

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### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

#### **1. TO ELECT A CHAIR FOR 2022-23**

To elect a Chair of the Committee from amongst the Co-opted Members for the 2022-23 municipal year.

#### **2. TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIR FOR 2022-23**

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Committee from amongst the Co-opted Members for the 2022-23 municipal year.

#### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (PAGES 7 - 8)**

Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest in the Code of Conduct for Members to determine whether they have an interest in any agenda item and any action they should take. For further details, please see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

Members are reminded to declare the nature of the interest and the agenda item it relates to. Please note that ultimately it's the Members' responsibility to declare any interests and to update their register of interest form as required by the Code.

If in doubt as to the nature of your interest, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services

#### **4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Advisory Committee held on 25 November 2021 and to review the notes of the informal meeting held on 10 February 2022.

##### **4.1 SAC Minutes 251121 (Pages 9 - 14)**

##### **4.2 Notes of informal meeting - 10.02.22 (Pages 15 - 20)**



## **5. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 5.1 Standards Advisory Committee - Terms of Reference (Pages 21 - 34)**
- 5.2 Standards Advisory Committee Report to Council (To Follow)**
- 5.3 Register of Gifts and Hospitality - Quarterly Update (Pages 35 - 38)**
- 5.4 Member Attendance Update (Pages 39 - 68)**
- 5.5 Dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 (Pages 69 - 72)**
- 5.6 Code of Conduct for Members - Complaint Monitoring and Associated Matters (To Follow)**

## **6. WORK PLAN**

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

To consider any other unrestricted business that the Chair considers to be urgent.

## **8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In view of the contents of the remaining items on the agenda the Committee is recommended to adopt the following motion:

“That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contains information defined as Exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.”

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## **9. ANY OTHER EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

To consider any other exempt/ confidential business that the Chair considers to be urgent.



**Next Meeting of the Standards Advisory Committee**

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