

Standards Advisory Committee



Thursday, 22 June 2023 at 6.30 p.m.

Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall, 160

Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

Agenda

Chair: To be elected at the meeting

Members

Vice-Chair: To be elected at the meeting

John Pulford MBE, Fiona Browne, Mike Houston, Elizabeth Marshall MBE, Councillor Shafi Ahmed, Councillor Sabina Akhtar, Councillor Amin Rahman, Councillor Sirajul Islam and Councillor Abu Chowdhury

Observers (Independent Persons):

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

Substitutes:

Councillor Amina Ali, Councillor Leelu Ahmed and Councillor Asma Begum

[The quorum for Standards Advisory Committee is 3 Members including one Councillor and one Co-optee]

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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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

2. TO ELECT A CHAIR FOR 2023-24

To elect a Chair of the Committee from amongst the Co-opted Members for the 2023-24 municipal year.

3. TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIR FOR 2023-24

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Committee from amongst the Co-opted Members for the 2023-24 municipal year.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

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To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Advisory Committee held on 18 April 2023.

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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 Committee:

Thursday, 21 September 2023 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in the Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

