

# Standards Advisory Committee



Wednesday, 26 June 2024 at 6.30 p.m.

Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall, 160

Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

## Agenda

### Members

John Pulford MBE, Fiona Browne, Mike Houston, Elizabeth Marshall MBE, Faham Sinan-Katamba, Councillor Abu Chowdhury, Councillor Iqbal Hossain, Councillor Asma Islam, Councillor Sirajul Islam and Councillor Harun Miah

### Observers (Independent Persons):

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

### Substitutes:

Councillor Sabina Akhtar and Councillor Marc Francis

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

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#### 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.

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#### 2. TO ELECT A CHAIR FOR 2024-25

To elect a Chair of the Advisory Committee from amongst the Co-opted Members for the 2024-25 municipal year.

#### 3. TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIR FOR 2024-25

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Committee from amongst the Co-opted Members for the 2024-25 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 17 December 2023.



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## 6. WORK PLAN 129 - 136

To review the Advisory Committee's work plan for the 2024-25 year.

## 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.

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