

Standards Advisory Committee



Thursday, 16 January 2025 at 6.30 p.m.

Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall, 160

Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

Agenda

Chair: John Pulford MBE

Members

Vice-Chair: 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 Marc Francis and Councillor Bodrul Choudhury

[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. 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 September 2024.

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5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

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

6. **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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7. **RESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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8. **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, 3 April 2025 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in the Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

