

<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20 September 2017</p>	
<p>Report of: Asmat Hussain, Corporate Director Governance & Monitoring Officer</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Standards (Advisory) Committee - Re-Appointment of Independent Co-opted Member</p>	

<p>Originating Officer(s)</p>	<p>Mark Norman – Legal Adviser & Deputy Monitoring Officer</p>
<p>Wards affected</p>	<p>(All Wards);</p>

Summary:

Mr John Pulford MBE is an Independent Co-opted Member who is also the current Chair of the Standards (Advisory) Committee and this report recommends his re-appointment as a Co-opted Member of the Advisory Committee.

Recommendation:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve the re-appointment of Mr John Pulford as an Independent Co-opted Member of the Standards (Advisory) Committee for a period of two years.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The Council Constitution sets out the agreed membership of the Standards (Advisory) Committee which allows for the appointment of up to seven Independent Co-opted Members. There are currently two vacancies and the re- appointment of Mr Pulford is subject to approval by full Council.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The Council may choose not to re-appoint Mr Pulford and to vary the number of Independent Co-optees appointed to the Standards (Advisory) Committee. This course of action is not recommended.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 The membership of the Standards (Advisory) Committee is subject to the annual reconstitution of the Committee at the Council's AGM. The membership of the Advisory 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 five Independent Co-opted Members of the Advisory Committee whose terms of office expire as detailed below.

Mr John Pulford MBE (Chair) - September 2017

Ms Nafisa Adam (Vice- Chair) – February 2019

Mr Michael James Houston - February 2019

Mr Daniel Mc Laughlin - May 2019

Ms Fiona Browne – January 2021

- 3.3 Mr Pulford was first appointed as a Co-opted Member of the Advisory Committee in 2013. In accordance with Article 9 of the Constitution this was for a period of 4 years. Mr Pulford has contributed extensively to the business of the Advisory Committee, he was elected Chair of the Committee in July 2016 and has continued as Chair since that time.
- 5.4 As Mr Pulford has only served one full four year term of office as a Co-opted Member and given his more recent experience as Chair of the Committee, it is recommended that he is re-appointed as a Co-opted Member for a period of a further two years. This will also enable Mr Pulford to continue to Chair the Advisory Committee for the current municipal year.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations within this report. Any meeting expenses paid to members of the committee will be contained within existing budgets.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

- 5.1 This report has been prepared by the Deputy Monitoring Officer and incorporates legal comments.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 There are no specific anti poverty or equal opportunity implications arising out of this report.

7. BEST VALUE (BV) IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The re-appointment of Mr Pulford will create stability for the important work undertaken by the Advisory Committee and will assist in the continued efficiency and effectiveness of that work.

8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 This report has no immediate implications for the Council's policy of sustainable action for a greener environment.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The appointment of Independent Co-opted Members to the Advisory Committee assists in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct and improving confidence in local democracy.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no specific crime and disorder reduction implications arising out of this report.

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

NONE

Officer contact details for documents:

N/A