

<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>Standards Advisory Committee</p> <p>Thursday, 22 April 2021</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Interim Monitoring Officer</p>	<p>Classification: Open (Unrestricted)</p>
<p>Review of the guidance for nominees to outside bodies</p>	

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Wards affected	(All Wards);

Executive Summary

One of the roles Members play is to be appointed as the Council's representative on local charity and organisation boards and committees. Most of these appointments are made by the Mayor at Cabinet or as Individual Mayoral Decisions.

When a Member is appointed they are provided with guidance on how to perform the role as a representative on an outside body and what is generally expected of them.

This report presents the current guidance so that the Committee can review it and determine whether it is still effective or to suggest improvements.

Recommendations:

The Advisory Committee is recommended to:

1. Note and offer any comments on the guidance that is provided to persons appointed or nominated by the council to outside bodies.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The Advisory Committee has asked to review the guidance that is provided to persons nominated by the council to positions on outside bodies.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 None

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 The council can nominate persons to positions on outside bodies. Authority to nominate or appoint councillors, officers and other individuals to serve on

outside bodies rests with the Mayor in respect of executive functions and to General Purposes Committee in respect of non-executive functions.

- 3.2 When a nomination to an outside body is made as above, the council informs both the nominee and the representative of the outside body. The nominated person is provided with guidance to enable them to understand their duties and obligations when fulfilling their new role.
- 3.3 The guidance was last fully reviewed in 2017 and was subsequently also noted by the General Purposes Committee in 2019 when it refreshed the list of Outside Bodies the council made appointments to.
- 3.4 The guidance is attached as Appendix A. The Advisory Committee is invited to review the guidance and offer comment.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 It is important that the guidance is clear to ensure that all Members are able to fully engage with local organisations to support the good work they undertake to support our communities.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:
- Best Value Implications,
 - Consultations,
 - Environmental (including air quality),
 - Risk Management,
 - Crime Reduction,
 - Safeguarding.
 - Data Protection / Privacy Impact Assessment.
- 5.2 Appendix A summarises the statutory obligations of appointees to certain types of outside bodies. There are no other statutory implications relating to this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications for the Council arising from this report.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.
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Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None.

Appendices

- Appendix A - London Borough of Tower Hamlets protocol for councillors, officers and individuals appointed or nominated by the council to outside bodies

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- None

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