

<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p><b>Standards Advisory Committee</b></p> <p>Thursday, 1 July 2021</p>	 <p><b>TOWER HAMLETS</b></p>
<p><b>Report of:</b> Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Open (Unrestricted)</p>
<p><b>Co-opted Member Appointments</b></p>	

<b>Originating Officer(s)</b>	Matthew Mannion, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Wards affected</b>	(All Wards);

### **Executive Summary**

The terms of office for four of the five Co-opted Members of the Standards Advisory Committee are due to expire shortly.

All four Members have indicated a willingness to serve another term on the Committee.

This report asks the Committee to note that officers will therefore be writing a report to Council asking it to agree to re-appoint the four Co-opted Members.

### **Recommendations:**

The Standards Advisory Committee is recommended to:

1. To note that a report will be submitted to the next meeting of Council looking to re-appoint the following Co-opted Members for another four-year term on the Standards Advisory Committee.

- John Pulford MBE
- Nafisa Adam
- Fiona Browne
- Mike Houston

### **1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 It is important to ensure that the Committee has a full membership to enable it to undertake its work effectively.

## **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 This is a noting report. It will be for Council to determine any alternative actions.

## **3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

- 3.1 The terms of reference of the Standards Advisory Committee state that the membership of the Committee should consist of 5 elected Members and 5 Co-opted Members.
- 3.2 Appointments of Co-opted Members are agreed by Council, usually for a four-year term.
- 3.3 Terms of office for four of the current Co-opted Members are due to expire on 30 September 2021. These are:
- John Pulford MBE (served on the Committee from 18.09.13)
  - Nafisa Adam (20.02.15)
  - Fiona Browne (18.01.17)
  - Mike Houston (20.02.15)
- 3.4 Following discussions at previous Committee meetings, the four Members were approached to see if they wished to continue serving on the Committee. All four indicated that they would.
- 3.5 The Committee are therefore asked to note that officers will be submitting a request to Council to re-appoint the four Members for a further four-year term.
- 3.6 The alternative course of action would be for the Council to agree to undertake a recruitment process to identify potential new Co-opted Members.
- 3.7 It is considered that the Committee is currently operating effectively with very active participation from all Co-opted Members and that their experience and understanding of the issues facing the Council would be extremely valuable over the next few years.

## **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 An active and effective Standards Advisory Committee is important in ensuring the Member Code of Conduct operates in supporting all Members to undertake their roles.

## **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 None specific to this report.

## **6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

7.1 The information provided for the Committee is in accordance with Part B, Section 19 of the Council's Constitution.

7.2 Independent Co-opted members shall be appointed by full Council on the recommendation of the Monitoring Officer. The term shall be 4 years unless otherwise determined by the Council. Co-opted Members may serve as many terms of appointment as the Council considers appropriate.

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## **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**

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

- None.

#### **Officer contact details for documents:**

N/A