

<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p>Standards Advisory Committee</p> <p>18 April 2023</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Janet Fasan, Director of Legal and Monitoring Officer</p>	<p>Classification: Open (Unrestricted)</p>
<p>Standards Advisory Committee Annual Report to Council 2022/23</p>	

Originating Officer(s)	Jill Bayley, Head of Safeguarding
Wards affected	All Wards

Executive Summary

This report sets out the Committee's annual report to Council. The report covers the activities of the Committee over the last year as well as being an opportunity to highlight any relevant issues to Council.

The Committee are asked to consider the draft Annual Report and feed back on any last updates before the report is presented to Council.

Recommendations:

The Standards Advisory Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the activities of the Standards Advisory Committee for the municipal year May 2022 – May 2023 as set out in the Annual Report of the Standards Advisory Committee attached as Appendix 1.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 It is considered best practice in many authorities for the full Council to receive an annual report in relation to the work of the Standards Advisory Committee and on issues around standards generally. The provision of an annual report of the Committee's business ensures the profile of ethical standards across the organisation and affords the opportunity to highlight areas of good practice and identify any requirements for improvement.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The Advisory Committee could decide not to submit an annual report but this course of action is not recommended.

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 The Standards Advisory Committee is asked to consider the Annual Report attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The report contains an outline of the work and activities of the Standards Advisory Committee over the past year as well as highlighting any particular issues that Council should consider.
- 3.3 The Standards Advisory Committee is asked to note the list of topics for consideration over the next year and to advise whether any additional topics should be considered, and whether any of the topics should be given particular priority.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no immediate equalities implications arising out of this report.

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 Robust ethical governance arrangements help to ensure the proper, efficient and effective discharge of the Council's functions and contribute to compliance with the requirement to achieve best value.

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 Section 27 of the Localism Act 2011 requires local authorities to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members of the authority. Section 28 of the same act requires local authorities to adopt a Code of Conduct which is consistent with the Nolan principles of standards in public life.

7.2 This report and the appendix demonstrate this local authority's compliance with the above legislation.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Standards Advisory Committee - Annual Report to Council Year May 2022 to May 2023.

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