

London Borough of Hackney – Decisions taken by the Standards Committee on Monday, 16 September 2019

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Items considered in public

1	Confirmation of the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2019/20	<p>The Governance Officer present – Mr Hart sought confirmation to the appointment of the Chair – Councillor Bramble, and Vice-Chair – Councillor Webb of Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2019/20 as advised at Annual Council in May 2019.</p> <p>The Committee resolved to agree the appointments nemine contradicente.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>
2	Apologies for Absence	<p>Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Adejare, and Moema, and from Co-opted Member Onagete Louison, and for lateness from Councillor Williams.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>
3	Urgent Business	Nil
4	Declarations of Interest - Members to declare as appropriate	<p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>
5	Deputations/Petitions/Questions	<p>There were no deputations, petitions, or questions.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>
6	To Confirm the Unrestricted Minutes of The Standards Committee held on 18 February 2019	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p><b>That the unrestricted minutes of the Standards Committee held on 18 February be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.</b></p>

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7	Standards Committee Terms of Reference	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p><b>That the terms of reference of the Standards Committee be noted.</b></p>
8	Standards Committee Work Programme 2019/20	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p><b>That approval be given to the draft work programme for 2019/20 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.</b></p>
9	Draft Standards Committee Annual Report 2018/19	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p><b>That the Standards Committee Annual Report for 2018/19, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report be endorsed, for submission to Full Council to consider on 30 October 2019.</b></p>
10	Request for Members' Dispensation in respect of membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>i. That approval be given to a dispensation for any member of the Council belonging to the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) either in a contributing, or in receipt capacity, for the LB Hackney, or any other Local Authority Pension Scheme, when they are in attendance at any Council meetings where matters pertaining to the Local Government Pension Scheme are being considered/discussed; and</p> <p>ii. That the dispensation remain in place until the first meeting of the Standards Committee or any committee which has the functions of the Standards Committee, following the commencement of the newly elected administration in May 2022.</p>
11	Recruitment of Co-opted Members to Standards Committee 2019	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p><b>That approval be given to the recruitment process for the appointment of up</b></p>

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		<p>to four current co-opted member vacancies to Standards Committee for a period of four years from their confirmed date of appointment;</p> <p>ii. That approval be given to the contents of the draft recruitment pack as detailed, as attached at Appendix 1 of the report, and to the process of recruitment as detailed in paragraph 6.3 of the report;</p> <p>iii. That Standards Committee agree that the Interview Panel to shortlist and interview candidates will be drawn from the Membership of the Standards Committee as follows, and to agree those members to be appointed:</p> <p align="center"> <b>Chair of Standards Committee</b>  <b>Two Members of Standards Committee</b>  <b>One current co-opted Member (Advisory Capacity non-voting)</b>  <b>Independent Person – Standards Committee (Advisory Capacity non-voting)</b> </p> <p align="center">officers in attendance</p> <p align="center"> <b>Head of Legal &amp; Governance</b>  <b>Clerk to Standards Committee</b> </p> <p>iv. That it be noted that a special Standards Committee will be convened in late November to mid December 2019 to endorse the recommendations of the Interview Panel regarding proposed appointments, and recommend to Full Council the endorsed appointments, at its meeting on 22 January 2019, for a</p>

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		term of four years.
12	Local Government Ethical Standards - Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life on the subject of ethical standards in local government	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. That the Report from the Committee on Standards in Public Life (CSPL) on the subject of local government ethical standards which attached at Appendix 1 of the report be noted;</li> <li>ii. that the recommendations of the CSPL attached at Appendix 2 of the report and the identified 'best practice' which attached at Appendix 3 be noted;</li> <li>iii. that the proposal to make any formal comment on the recommendations (i.e. to MHCLG) in the form of a letter be noted but not further acted upon;</li> <li>iv. that the Monitoring Officer undertake a comparison of the current Council's current Ethical Standards arrangements in place with a view to identifying whether they conform to the best practice identified by the CSPL report, and that the comparison analysis be reported back to the Standards Committee for its consideration;</li> <li>v. that the Monitoring Officer carries out a review the Council's current Member Code of Conduct and considers any amendments to reflect the outcomes of the CSLP report, and that any suggested changes to the Code be reported back to the Standards Committee for its consideration;</li> <li>VI. That a further report be brought to Standards Committee at the point of confirmation of the Parliamentary process for consideration of the CSPL</li> </ul>

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		<p>recommendations and any subsequent changes to primary and secondary legislation; and</p> <p>vii. that a task and finish group be established to consider improving and understanding members declarations of interests and that Councillors Hanson &amp; Lynch be the members appointed to the task and finish group together the Head of Legal &amp; Governance, the Clerk to Standards Committee and other officers within Legal &amp; Governance as appropriate.</p>
13	Dates of Standards Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2019/20	<p><b>NOTED</b></p> <p>The next scheduled meeting of the Standards Committee on 13 February 2020 at 6.30pm and the special meeting required in late November/December 2019 to consider the outcome of the recruitment process for co-opted members to Standards Committee.</p>
14	Any Other unrestricted business the Chair considers to be urgent	<p>There were no items of unrestricted urgent business.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>
15	EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS	<p>There were no requirement to exclude the public and press as there were no exempt urgent items to consider.</p> <p><b>NOTED</b></p>