



STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 14th July, 2020

at 6.30 pm

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Committee Membership:

Deputy Mayor Anntoinette Bramble (Chair)
Councillor Jessica Webb (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Soraya Adejare
Councillor Humaira Garasia
Councillor Katie Hanson
Councillor Anna Lynch
Councillor Sem Moema
Councillor Carole Williams

Co-opted Members

Nicola Hanns
Onagete Louison
Adedoja Labinjo
Aoife Scannell

**Independent Person to
Standards Committee**

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Tim Shields
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6 July 2020

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The press and public are welcome to attend this meeting.

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AGENDA

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item No	Title	Page No
1	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive and note any apologies for absence.</p>	
2	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>The Chair to advise the Committee of any unrestricted items of urgent business.</p>	
3	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</p> <p>A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered:</p> <p>(i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, and</p> <p>(ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting room.</p> <p>A Member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Register of Members' Interests or the subject of a pending notification must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.</p> <p>Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests and prejudicial interests are defined at Paragraphs 8.1-15.2 of Section Two of Part 5 of the Constitution and Appendix A of the Members' Code of Conduct.</p>	
4	<p>To note the Terms of the reference of the Standards Committee</p> <p>To note the terms of reference of the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2020/21.</p>	1 - 2
5	<p>Petitions/Questions or deputation requests</p>	
6	<p>TO CONFIRM THE UNRESTRICTED MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2020</p> <p>To confirm the unrestricted minutes of Standards Committee held on 13 February 2020 as an accurate record of the proceedings.</p>	3 - 10
7	<p>Standards Committee Draft Work Programme 2020/21</p> <p>This report advises the Standards Committee of the schedule of items to be considered by the Committee during the Municipal Year 2020/21.</p>	11 - 20

8	Annual report of the Standards Committee 2019/20	21 - 46
	The Annual report details all matters considered by the Standards Committee during the Municipal Year 2019/20, for approval and referral to Full Council.	
9	Annual ICT report and update on activity in 2019/20, and proposals for 2020/21	47 - 54
	To receive the annual ICT report and update for 2019/20 and proposals for 2020/21	
10	Member Training and Development Update for 2019/20 and proposals for 2020/21	55 - 60
	To receive an update on the 2019/20 Member training and development programme, and proposals for 2020/21.	
11	Verbal update on complaints received in relation to members since February 2020 to date	
	To receive a verbal update from the Director of Legal & Governance on any complaints received in relation to members since February 2020, to date.	
12	Verbal update on the current position with regards to recommendations arising from the Government's Committee on Standards in Public Life on the subject of ethical standards in local government	
	This verbal update by the Director of Legal & Governance will advise the Standards Committee on any progress with regard to the Government's consideration of the recommendations from its Committee on Standards in Public Life with respect to ethical standards in Local Government.	
13	Draft Model Members Code of Conduct proposals recommended by the Local Government Association	61 - 96
	This report advises the Standards Committee of proposals from the Local Government Association regarding the adoption of a model Members Code of Conduct for Local Authorities in England and Wales.	
14	Any other unrestricted business the Chair considers to be urgent	
	To consider any unrestricted items of urgent business.	
15	Exclusion of the Public & Press	

Note from the Governance Services Manager

In the event of there being any late items of exempt urgent business then the Chair will MOVE the resolution as defined below to allow consideration of urgent exempt matters.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION :

That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as the item (s) below contain exempt information, as defined under Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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Any other exempt business the Chair considers to be urgent

To consider any items of urgent exempt business.

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The Monitoring Officer, or the Chair of the meeting, will advise that this meeting is being held remotely.

The Chair shall have discretion to regulate the behaviour of all those present recording a meeting in the interests of the efficient conduct of the meeting. Anyone acting in a disruptive manner may be required by the Chair to cease recording or may be excluded from the remote meeting. Disruptive behaviour may include: causing excessive noise; intrusive lighting; interrupting the meeting; or filming members of the public who have asked not to be filmed.

Those visually recording a meeting are asked to respect the wishes of those who do not wish to be filmed or photographed. Failure by someone recording a meeting to respect the wishes of those who do not wish to be filmed and photographed may result in the Chair instructing them to cease recording or in their exclusion from the meeting.

If a meeting passes a motion to exclude the press and public then in order to consider confidential or exempt information, all recording must cease.. The press and public are not permitted to use any means which might enable them to see or hear the proceedings whilst they are excluded from a meeting and confidential or exempt information is under consideration.

Providing oral commentary during a meeting is not permitted.

ADVICE TO MEMBERS ON DECLARING INTERESTS

Hackney Council's Code of Conduct applies to **all** Members of the Council, the Mayor and co-opted Members.

This note is intended to provide general guidance for Members on declaring interests. However, you may need to obtain specific advice on whether you have an interest in a particular matter. If you need advice, you can contact:

- The Director of Legal & Governance;
- The Legal Adviser to the committee; or
- Governance Services.

If at all possible, you should try to identify any potential interest you may have before the meeting so that you and the person you ask for advice can fully consider all the circumstances before reaching a conclusion on what action you should take.

1. Do you have a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda or which is being considered at the meeting?

You will have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter if it:

- relates to an interest that you have already registered in Parts A and C of the Register of Pecuniary Interests of you or your spouse/civil partner, or anyone living with you as if they were your spouse/civil partner;
- relates to an interest that should be registered in Parts A and C of the Register of Pecuniary Interests of your spouse/civil partner, or anyone living with you as if they were your spouse/civil partner, but you have not yet done so; or
- affects your well-being or financial position or that of your spouse/civil partner, or anyone living with you as if they were your spouse/civil partner.

2. If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest in an item on the agenda you must:

- Declare the existence and nature of the interest (in relation to the relevant agenda item) as soon as it becomes apparent to you (subject to the rules regarding sensitive interests).
- You must leave the room when the item in which you have an interest is being discussed. You cannot stay in the meeting room or public gallery whilst discussion of the item takes place and you cannot vote on the matter. In addition, you must not seek to improperly influence the decision.
- If you have, however, obtained dispensation from the Monitoring Officer or Standards Committee you may remain in the room and participate in the meeting. If dispensation has been granted it will stipulate the extent of your involvement, such as whether you can only be present to make representations, provide evidence or whether you are able to fully participate and vote on the matter in which you have a pecuniary interest.

3. Do you have any other non-pecuniary interest on any matter on the agenda which is being considered at the meeting?

You will have 'other non-pecuniary interest' in a matter if:

- i. It relates to an external body that you have been appointed to as a Member or in another capacity; or
- ii. It relates to an organisation or individual which you have actively engaged in supporting.

4. If you have other non-pecuniary interest in an item on the agenda you must:

- i. Declare the existence and nature of the interest (in relation to the relevant agenda item) as soon as it becomes apparent to you.
- ii. You may remain in the room, participate in any discussion or vote provided that contractual, financial, consent, permission or licence matters are not under consideration relating to the item in which you have an interest.
- iii. If you have an interest in a contractual, financial, consent, permission or licence matter under consideration, you must leave the room unless you have obtained a dispensation from the Monitoring Officer or Standards Committee. You cannot stay in the room or public gallery whilst discussion of the item takes place and you cannot vote on the matter. In addition, you must not seek to improperly influence the decision. Where members of the public are allowed to make representations, or to give evidence or answer questions about the matter you may, with the permission of the meeting, speak on a matter then leave the room. Once you have finished making your representation, you must leave the room whilst the matter is being discussed.
- iv. If you have been granted dispensation, in accordance with the Council's dispensation procedure you may remain in the room. If dispensation has been granted it will stipulate the extent of your involvement, such as whether you can only be present to make representations, provide evidence or whether you are able to fully participate and vote on the matter in which you have a non pecuniary interest.

Further Information

Advice can be obtained from Dawn Carter-McDonald Director of Legal & Governance (Acting), on 020 8356 6237 or email suki.binjal@hackney.gov.uk



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