

RECRUITMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO STANDARDS COMMITTEE 2019

STANDARDS COMMITTEE 16 September 2019	CLASSIFICATION: Open
WARD(S) AFFECTED All Wards	
Suki Binjal Director of Legal and Governance	

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks the approval of the Standards Committee to the commencement of a recruitment process to appoint up to four co-opted member vacancies on Standards Committee. The resulting recruitment process will require formal agreement of Full Council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Standards Committee agrees to the recruitment process for the appointment of up to four current co-opted member vacancies to Standards Committee for a period of four years from their confirmed date of appointment;
- 2.2 That Standards Committee agree the contents of the draft recruitment pack as detailed, as attached at Appendix 1, and to agree the process of recruitment as detailed in paragraph 6.3 below;

- 2.3 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:**

**Chair of Standards Committee
Two Members of Standards Committee
One current co-opted Member (Advisory Capacity non-voting)
Independent Person – Standards Committee (Advisory Capacity non-voting)**

Officers in attendance

**Head of Legal & Governance
Clerk to Standards Committee**

- 2.4 That Standards Committee note 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 term of four years.**

3. RELATED DECISIONS

- 3.1 N/A

4. COMMENTS OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND CORPORATE RESOURCES

- 4.1 The costs of the recruitment exercise outlined in this report, along with allowances for those appointed, will be met from within current approved budgets and therefore the recommendations within this report have no further financial implications.

5. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR, LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

- 5.1 In accordance with Section 27 - Chapter 7, of Part 1 of the Localism Act 2011, and as provided for in the Council's Constitution at Article 8 (The Standards Committee and Independent Person), the Council is able to appoint up to six non-voting co-opted members to its Standards Committee.

6. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

- 6.1 This report seeks agreement of Standards Committee to a recruitment process to appoint up to four vacant non-voting co-opted member

positions (of which there 6 on the Standards Committee). There are currently two co-opted members appointed to the Committee. The term of office is for four years and co-opted members receive a stipend of £113.10 per meeting attended.

- 6.2 It is proposed to carry out the recruitment process as follows:
- i. Advertisement in the Hackney Gazette, Hackney Today and the Council's internet – to run from late September to mid October 2019
 - ii. Closing date for candidates applications – 18 October 2019
 - iii. Interview Panel to shortlist between 28 – 30 October
 - iv. Interviews mid November 2019
 - v. Outcome of Interviews and recommended appointments to Special Standards Committee – late November 2019 to mid December and recommendation to Full Council to confirm appointments
 - vi. Full Council confirms appointments – 22 January 2020 – and Co-opted Members commence appointment for four years to 22 January 2024
- 6.3 The Membership of the Interview Panel as proposed in recommendation 2.3 will allow for three Councillors (voting) and the Independent person, and one current co-opted member.
- 6.4 It is recommended that a special Standards Committee be convened in late November to Mid December 2019 to endorse the candidates appointed, and recommend to Full Council these appointments.
- 6.5 Full Council will then confirm the appointments at its meeting on 22 January 2020 and appointments will commence for a four year period from that date.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Recruitment Pack Co-opted Members

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