

NOTICE OF MEETING

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 5th November, 2024, 7.00 pm - George Meehan House 294 High Road N22 8JZ (watch the live meeting [Here](#))

Members: Councillors Barbara Blake, Erdal Dogan, Ibrahim Ali (Chair), Scott Emery and Simmons-Safo

Quorum: 3

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of Urgent Business. (Late items will be considered under the agenda item where they appear. New items will be dealt with under item 11 and 16 below).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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:

- (i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, and
- (ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting room.

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.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests and prejudicial interests are defined at Paragraphs 5-7 and Appendix A of the Members' Code of Conduct.

5. MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 8)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 18 July 2024 and 26 September 2024 and the minutes of the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee meeting held on 26 September 2024 as a correct record.

6. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (PAGES 9 - 10)

This paper seeks to identify topics that will come to the attention of the Standards Committee and seeks members' input.

7. NO FURTHER ACTION - CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS - MONITORING OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT:

8. MEMBER COMPLAINTS PROCESS

Report to follow

9. CHANGES TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES REGARDING SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

Report to follow

10. UPDATES TO THE NON-VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBER PROTOCOL

Report to follow

11. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

As per item 3.

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Items 13-15 are likely to be subject to a motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting as they contain exempt information as defined in

Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1985); paras 1 & 2; namely, information relating to any individual and information likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

13. EXEMPT NO FURTHER ACTION - CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS - MONITORING OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT:

14. EXEMPT MINUTES (PAGES 11 - 16)

To confirm and sign the exempt minutes of the Standards Committee on the 18 July 2024 and exempt minutes of the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee meeting held on 26 September 2024 as a correct record.

15. NEW ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS

As per item 3.

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Monday, 28 October 2024

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**MINUTES OF THE STANDARD COMMITTEE MEETING HELD THURSDAY 18
JULY AT 7:00PM – 7:45PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Ibrahim Ali, Councillor Barbara Blake, Councillor Scott Emery and Councillor Michelle Simmons- Safo.

Also present: Yeside Odumade (Principal Democratic Service Officer), Fiona Alderman (Assistant Director for Legal & Governance), Vanessa Mayengehama (Trainee Solicitor) and Ummer Iqbal (Trainee Solicitor)

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred to the filming of meetings and this information was noted.

2. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dogan.

3. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2024 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

**6. APPOINTMENT OF THE STANDARDS ASSESSMENT AND HEARING
SUB-COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED:

To agree that, given the need for members' expertise and discretion, the membership of the Standards Assessment Sub-Committee and the Standards Hearing Sub-Committee be the same as the membership of the Standards Committee.

7. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

There were no further topics identified.

8. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were no new items of urgent business.

9. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was agreed for the press and public to be excluded from the meeting as the remainder of the items contained exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1985); paras 1 & 2; namely, information relating to any individual and information likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

10. Appointment of Independent Persons under section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011 (to support the operation of the Code of Conduct by the Standards Committee) from 31 July 2024 to 30 June 2028.

As per the exempt minutes.

11.Exempt Urgent Business

None

MINUTES OF THE MEETING Standards Committee HELD ON Thursday, 26th September, 2024, 7pm - 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Barbara Blake, Ibrahim Ali (Chair) and Scott Emery

ALSO ATTENDING: Fiona Alderman (Monitoring Officer) Ayshe Simsek(Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager)

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred to the filming at meetings notice and attendees noted this information.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Simmons – Safo and Cllr Dogan.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest put forward.

5. DISPENSATION IN RELATION TO MEMBERSHIP OF NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY (NLWA)

The Monitoring Officer introduced the report which sought agreement from the Committee to granting Councillor Hakata and Councillor Carlin a dispensation for their membership of NLWA, and to Councillor Hakata in respect of his directorship of LEL, to enable them to participate in debates and votes on matters relating to NLWA and LEL respectively.

The Committee noted that Section 33 Localism Act 2011 provided circumstances where it may be appropriate to grant a dispensation. The authority and the relevant paragraph applicable was (c) *considers that granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area*. The reason set out was that this dispensation may assist in closer alignment between the aims of NLWA and of the Council as a constituent borough. Indeed, it was not uncommon for a standard dispensation to apply to members in respect of interests arising from an appointment by the authority to outside bodies, in this case the appointment to NLWA.

It was noted that a dispensation granted to a member was published on the Council's website and can last up to 4 years.

The Committee further noted that the effect of a dispensation was not to waive an actual or perceived conflict of interest nor to waive the common law position in respect of bias and predetermination in decision-making. In such cases, Members should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer as to how to proceed.

In response to a query, it was noted that Councillor Hakata had been a member of LEL but had only recently taken up this directorship role in LEL. It was noted that should this role become a numerated role then this would become a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and be indicated as a DPI on his Register of Interest. This would further mean that if there was a future decision where this required declaration of this DPI, Cllr Hakata would need to recuse himself from that meeting.

The Committee discussed the dispensation lasting 4 years and given the local elections were in 2026 and to ensure as much clarity as possible, it was felt the dispensation should last 2 years.

RESOLVED

1. To grant a dispensation to Councillor Hakata and Councillor Carlin to allow them to participate in debates and votes on matters relating to NLWA business: waste disposal, energy from waste, waste facilities, waste transfer stations, reuse and recycling and any other waste related issues until Councillor Hakata and Councillor Carlin cease to be a member of NLWA; and until May 2026.
2. To grant a dispensation to Councillor Hakata to allow him to participate in debates and votes on matters relating to LEL business: waste disposal, energy from waste, waste facilities, waste transfer stations, reuse and recycling and any other waste related issues until Councillor Hakata ceases to be a director of London Energy Ltd and until May 2026.
3. That granting the dispensation was in the interests of persons living in the authority's area.
4. To delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to prepare the dispensation for publication on the Council's website.

Reasons for decision

Under the Council's Constitution, the Standards Committee is responsible for granting dispensations to councillors and co-opted members from requirements relating to interests set out in the Members' Code of Conduct.

Alternative options considered

To not grant a dispensation. Where a dispensation is not granted, a councillor present at a meeting with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest in any matter to be considered or being considered at the meeting may not participate in any discussion nor vote on the matter and must withdraw from the room.

CHAIR: Councillor Ibrahim Ali

Signed by Chair

Date

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING Standards Assessment Sub Committee HELD ON Thursday, 26th September, 2024, 7.15pm – 7.50pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Barbara Blake, Scott Emery and Ibrahim Ali

ALSO ATTENDING: Fiona Alderman, Monitoring Officer and Ayshe Simsek, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager

30. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE DURATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS

Cllr Blake nominated, and Cllr Emery seconded for Cllr Ali to chair the meeting.

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Dogan and Cllr Simmons – Safo.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declaration of interests put forward.

33. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

34. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HANDLING OF COMPLAINTS

The arrangements for handling complaints was noted.

35. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None

36. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

To exclude the press and public as item 8 to 9 contained exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by Section 12A of the Local Government Act 1985); paras 1 and 2; information relating to an individual or likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

37. STANDARDS COMPLAINT SC001/2024

The Committee considered standards complaint SC001/2024.

38. NEW ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS

None

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date

Report for: Standards Committee 05 November 2024

Title: Committee Work Programme

Report authorised by: Fiona Alderman, Assistant Director of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer)

Lead Officer: Ayshe Simsek, Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager
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Ward(s) affected: N/A

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** Non-Key Decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 Members to note current work programme and put forward any comments on suggested areas of work.

30 Jan 2025

Members Allowance Scheme 2025/26
Procurement Standing Orders
Planning Protocol
Changes to the Council Constitution

10 March 2025

Members Allowance Scheme 2025/26

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