

**Report for:** Annual Council – 27 May 2021

**Title:** STATEMENT OF MEMBERS ATTENDANCE 2020/21

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**Ward(s) affected:** All

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

**1. Describe the issue under consideration**

1.1 To note the statement of Member attendance for the period 20 March 2020 to 19 March 2021.

**2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

N/A

**3. Recommendations**

3.1 That the statement of attendance, as attached, be noted.

**4. BACKGROUND**

4.1 Part four of the Council Constitution at section C paragraph 8 [Statement of attendances] advises that a statement showing the actual and possible attendances of each member at meetings of the Council and its Committees and Sub committees since and including the last annual meeting shall be presented annually to the Council at its last meeting in each municipal year and be entered in the minutes. For completeness, the attached statement takes into account the meetings held after the last report on this matter , from the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 to the date of the last Council meeting of the municipal year 2020/21 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2021.

**5. Comments of the Assistant Director Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer**

5.1 Attendance of members at meetings of the the council is required to consider relevant facts and issues relating to the functions of the Council.

5.2 Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that if a member of the council fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance to attend any meeting of the Authority then they shall cease to be a member, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the Authority before the expiry of the period they cease to be a member.

5.3 The publication of the statement of Member attendance is in the interest of good governance and transparency.

## **6. Use of Appendices**

6.1 Appendix 1 – Statement of attendance 2020/21

## **7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

7.1 Background documents:

*Statement of attendance 2019/20*

7.2 The background papers are located at River Park House, 225 High Road, Wood Green, London N22 8HQ.

7.3 To inspect them or to discuss this report further, please contact Ayshe Simsek on 0208 489 2929

## Appendix 1

### **Statement of attendance of Councillors at Council, Committees, Sub-Committees and Panel meetings: 20 March 2020 to 19 March 2021 inclusive**

These bodies have not been included:

- Disciplinary and Dismissal Appeals Panel
- Job Evaluation and Grievance Appeals Panels
- Outside bodies
- Single party meetings (with the exception of scheduled meetings of the Cabinet)
- Evidence gathering sessions for Scrutiny bodies

This list represents only the attendance at formal Council bodies as listed on the Appointments of Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels for 2020/21 document reported to Council 01 October 2020

These figures do not include apologies for clashes of meetings which are noted as an absence.

Councillors attend numerous community meetings and are required to represent the Council on outside bodies. These meetings may sometimes clash with formal Council body meetings and the Councillor attendance figures set out in this report could be reduced as a result.

Where a member has a personal or prejudicial interest in a matter at a meeting they should absent themselves from the meeting during consultation of that matter. This may result in a reduction of their attendance figures.

This information is also listed on our website here:

<http://www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk/mgUserAttendanceSummary.aspx>