

Report for: Full Council – 15 May 2023

Item number:

Title: STATEMENT OF MEMBERS ATTENDANCE 2022/2023

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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 23 May 2022 to 11 May 2023.

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.

5. Comments of the Head of Legal and Governance & Monitoring Officer

5.1 Attendance of members at meetings of 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 council then they shall cease to be

a member, unless the failure was due to some reason approved 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 2022/23

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

7.1 Background documents:

Statement of attendance 2020/21

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.

Statement of attendance of Councillors at Council, committees, sub-committees and panel meetings: 23 May 2022 to 11 May 2023 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 .

Any meeting missed due to a clash with another council business is noted as 'Apologies due to Council Business' and any meeting missed due to adverse weather conditions (Feb & July 2022) were noted as 'Apologies due to Extreme Weather'.

The figures include members that have been in attendance at meetings where they are not members of that committee. This is 'in person' attendance.

These figures record member's attendance to quorum meetings .

Full details of Member's attendance figures can be found on the Haringey website where specific notes on reasons for apologies is explained. These are:

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.

Also some members of the previous Staffing and Remuneration Committee will have a higher number of apologies due to the procedure rules and substitution rules that have been applied relating to appointments of directors.

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/mqUserAttendanceSummary.aspx>