

Report for: Full Council – 20 May 2024

Title: Statement of Members Attendance 2023/2024

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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 15 May 2023 to 08 May 2024.

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 2023/24

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

7.1 Background documents:

Statement of attendance 2022/23

7.2 The background papers are located at George Meehan House, 294 High Road N22 8JZ

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

Note of information included in Appendix 1

Statement of attendance of Councillors at Council, committees, sub-committees and panel meetings: 15 May 2023 to 08 May 2024 inclusive

These bodies have not been included:

- Member Disciplinary and Dismissal Appeals Panel
- 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 an agreement to hold quorum only meetings has been noted on members attendance record as not required to attend due to quorum only meeting.

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

Where members have attended a scrutiny panel meeting online this is noted on their internal attendance record, but this report would not list these attendances as they have not attended in person and would not meet the requirements of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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.

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>