

# **MINUTES OF THE Standards Committee HELD ON Tuesday, 3rd February, 2026, 7.00 - 7.35 pm**

## **PRESENT:**

**Councillors: Barbara Blake, Erdal Dogan, Scott Emery and Simmons-Safo**

### **73. FILMING AT MEETINGS**

#### **RESOLVED:**

The filming at meetings notice was noted

### **74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Ali.

### **75. URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair had given apologies to the meeting. Therefore, an urgent item was added to the agenda to elect a chair for the meeting.

### **76. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

It was proposed by Councillor Blake that Councillor Dogan be elected as Chair for the meeting.

Councillor Simmons-Safo seconded the motion.

#### **RESOLVED:**

The Committee agreed that Councillor Dogan be elected Chair for this meeting.

### **77. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **78. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 13 November 2025 were discussed.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. Agreed the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 13 November 2025.

## **79. NO FURTHER ACTION CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS - MONITORING OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT**

The Head of Legal introduced the report. The public section of the report was outlined and it was explained that this was an annual report on the code of conduct complaints considered by the Monitoring Officer which were determined not to merit any further action

Members had no questions on the report.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Committee:

1. Noted the report

## **80. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME FOR 2026-2027**

The Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager introduced the report.

It was explained that the Council had a requirement to consider the Report of the Independent Remunerations Panel (IRP) as part of its decision making for allocating Member's Allowances. It was explained that the IRP had not made an additional review since 2024, and that the proposals that were in the report was consistent with what the panel recommended.

It was explained that there had been benchmarking undertaken with other neighbouring boroughs, who had noted that they were not increasing basic allowance.

Following questions from Councillors, the following information was shared:

1. Members noted that they welcomed the IRP recommendations to incrementally increase with officer pay. However, it was noted that Members would discuss any changes with political groups and return in March 2026 with final recommendations.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Committee:

1. Noted the current Member's Allowance Scheme and key findings of the remuneration of Councillors in London 2023 attached at Appendix 1 and agreed to put forward any comments on recommended changes for consideration at the March 2026 meeting of Standards Committee.

## **81. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee reviewed the work programme for future meetings.

**RESOLVED:**

1. The Work Programme was noted and agreed.

**82. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

There was none.

**83. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:**

To note that the date of the next meeting was 9 March 2026

**84. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:**

That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as item 12 contains exempt information as defined under paragraph 1, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972: Information relating to an individual.

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

The exempt report was considered.

**RESOLVED:**

The exempt report was noted

**86. NEW ITEMS OF EXEMPT URGENT BUSINESS**

There was none.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair .....

Date .....