

# **MINUTES OF THE Standards Committee HELD ON Monday, 9th March, 2026, 7.00 - 7.14 pm**

## **PRESENT:**

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

### **87. FILMING AT MEETINGS**

#### **RESOLVED:**

The filming at meetings notice was noted.

### **88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Ali and Emery.

### **89. URGENT BUSINESS**

There was none,

### **90. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair had given apologies for this meeting, therefore there was a need to elect a Chair for this meeting.

Councillor Blake proposed Councillor Dogan as Chair. Councillor Simmons- Safo seconded the motion.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Dogan be elected as Chair for the meeting

### **91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **92. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting, 3 February 2026, were discussed.

#### **RESOLVED:**

The minutes of the meeting, 3 February 2026, were agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**93. MEMBERS SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2026-2027**

The Committees Manager introduced the report. The rationale for the report was explained. It was noted that the proposals for the Allowance Scheme 2026-2027 was in line with the London Independent Remuneration Panel.

**RESOLVED:**

That Standards Committee:

1. Agreed to recommend to Full Council the changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme set out at section 6 and reflected at Appendix 2 to the report.
2. Agreed to recommend to Full Council that the Members' Allowances Scheme 2026/27 attached at Appendix 2, and any further changes agreed by the Committee be adopted by Full Council on 16 March 2026.

**94. SPECIAL DISPENSATION IN RELATION TO MEMBERSHIP OF NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY (NLWA)**

The Committees Manager introduced the report.

It was explained that the dispensation had been granted previously to the previous incumbent, Mika Hakata, and that Cllr Dana Carlin currently had this dispensation.

It was explained that the proposal would continue these dispensations for new appointees.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Standards Committee:

1. Approved a dispensation to Councillor Ali 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 Ali cease to be a member of NLWA; and
2. Agreed that granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area.
3. Delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer to prepare the dispensation for publication on the Council's website.

**95. CONSTITUTION UPDATES**

The Director of Legal introduced the report. The rationale for introducing electronic signing and sealing was outlined. It was explained that this would improve efficiency across the Council significantly if the provision to modify the Constitution was approved by Full Council.

It was noted that the provision for electronic signing would be utilised for most documents. It was stressed that this was not intended to remove the provision to seal documents manually, but was intended as a supplement.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Standards Committee:

1. Agreed the proposed changes to the Constitution to enable the local authority to adopt electronic signing and sealing and recommend adoption of these changes to Full Council on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

**96. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

There was none.

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

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.

**98. EXEMPT MINUTES**

The exempt minutes of the last meeting, held 2 February 2026, were discussed.

**RESOLVED:**

The exempt minutes of the last meeting, held 2 February 2026, were agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

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

There was none.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair .....

Date .....