

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Constitution

A Non-Ward Committee consisting of,

- one Alderman appointed by the Court of Aldermen
- five Members elected by the Court of Common Council, at least one of whom shall have fewer than five years' service on the Court at the time of their appointment
- four representatives who must not be Members of the Court of Common Council or employees of the City of London Corporation (non-voting)

[N.B – Three Independent Persons appointed pursuant to Localism Act 2011]

None of the appointed shall serve on the Committee for more than two terms, a maximum of eight years.

Quorum

The quorum consists of three Members, at least one of whom must be a non-Common Council Member.

Terms of Reference

To be responsible for:-

- (a) promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Members and Co-opted Members of the City of London Corporation and to assist Members and Co-opted Members to observe the City of London Corporation's Code of Conduct;
- (b) preparing, keeping under review and monitoring the City of London Corporation's Member Code of Conduct and making recommendations to the Court of Common Council in respect of the adoption or revision, as appropriate, of such Code of Conduct;
- (c) keeping under review and monitoring the City of London Corporation's Employee Code of Conduct;
- (d) advising and training Members and Co-opted Members on matters relating to the City of London Corporation's Code of Conduct;
- (e) dealing with any allegations of breach of the City of London Corporation's Code of Conduct in respect of Members and Co-opted Members, and in particular:
 - (i) to determine whether any allegation should be investigated by or on behalf of the Town Clerk or the Monitoring Officer and their findings reported to the Committee;
 - (ii) in relation to any allegation that it has decided to investigate, to determine whether there has been a breach of the Code of Conduct, taking into account the views of an Independent Person appointed under the Localism Act 2011;
 - (iii) where there has been a breach of the Code of Conduct, to determine the appropriate sanction, and where this involves removal of a Member or Co-opted Member from any committee or sub-committee, to make an appropriate recommendation to the relevant appointing body;
 - (iv) to determine any appeal from a Member or Co-opted Member in relation to a finding that they have breached the Code of Conduct and/or in relation to the sanction imposed.
- (f) monitoring all complaints referred to it and to prepare an annual report on its activity for submission to the Court of Common Council.

In relation to the City of London Corporation's role as a Local Authority and Police Authority, to:-

- (a) consider any application for exemption from political restriction that is made to the Committee in respect of any post by the holder of that post;
- (b) where appropriate, give directions requiring the authority to include a post in the list of politically restricted posts that it maintains;
- (c) direct that a post should not be politically restricted where an application has been made and the Committee is satisfied that the duties of the post involve neither providing advice to the authority or its Committees nor speaking on behalf of the authority to journalists and broadcasters.