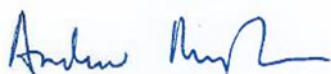


LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN	WARDS: All
REPORT TITLE Standards Information and Guidance Record	
REPORT OF Borough Solicitor	
FOR SUBMISSION TO Standards Committee	DATE 29 June 2022
<p>SUMMARY OF REPORT</p> <p>This report sets out the record of standards information and guidance issued to Members of the Council.</p> <p>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information</p> <p>Various emails to councillors as detailed in the appendix to the report.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Cheryl Hardman Principal Committee Officer Crowndale Centre 218 Eversholt Street London NW1 1BD 020 7974 1619 cheryl.hardman@camden.gov.uk</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>That Standards Committee notes the record of standards guidance.</p>	

Signed:



Borough Solicitor

Date:

8 June 2022

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The Standards Committee has a remit to promote standards amongst Members of the Council. As a result it undertakes to regularly update and review guidance issued to Members in line with one of its terms of reference:

“Agreeing guidance for councillors on matters related to conduct to be distributed to them and when they deem it appropriate included as part of the constitutional guidance”.

- 1.2. The Committee has agreed to maintain a record of when guidance has been updated and/or issued to Members and for that record to be shared with the Committee as a standing item in lieu of a work plan.

2. Changes to the Record

- 2.1. Following the election on 5th May 2022, all Members received the Register of Interests pack in hard copy on 7th May, which included dispensations forms to be completed and submitted. On 11th May, all Members were given a presentation by the Borough Solicitor on standards matters including the new Councillor Code of Conduct and were signposted to the new Code and accompanying updated protocols.
- 2.2. On 9th May, all Co-opted Members were issued with the new Code of Conduct and Gifts and Hospitality Protocol and asked to submit an updated Register of Interests form.
- 2.3. On 15th June, all Members re-elected at the election on 5th May 2022 were reminded to register any further gifts and hospitality received during 2021/22 and that after 24th June, all public registers of returning Members receiving no gifts and hospitality would be updated with an entry stating ‘No gifts or hospitality declared for the 2021/22 municipal year’.
- 2.4. At the Standards Committee meeting on 15th November 2021, officers were asked to review the length of the reported record. The record has since been shortened to include only the guidance and advice on standards and conduct issued since the 2018 election. This enables the Committee to review the cycle of guidance over the previous term while reducing the amount of paperwork on the agenda.

3. Forthcoming Guidance

- 3.1. There is currently no guidance scheduled to be issued, other than as a result of other reports before the Committee.
- 3.2. The Committee is invited to suggest any areas where guidance might be reviewed by the Committee at a future meeting or reissued to Members now. Any further comments on the form and content of the record are also welcome.

4. Finance Comments of the Executive Director Corporate Services

4.1. There are no financial impacts resulting from this report.

5. Legal Comments of the Borough Solicitor

5.1. This is a report of the Borough Solicitor and there are no other legal comments.

6. Environmental Implications

6.1. There are no environmental impacts.

7. Appendices

7.1. Appendix A: Record of guidance and advice on standards and conduct issued to councillors

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