

<b>Item No.</b> 6.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> February 3 2010	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Standards Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Civic Awards – Categories and Eligibility Criteria	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Head of democratic services	

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1 That members receive the recommendations of the Civic Association for the categories and eligibility criteria for civic awards.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2 At the standards committee meeting on 14 October 2009 members agreed to a joint biennial meeting between standards committee and the Civic Association to review the award categories and eligibility criteria. The first meeting was to take place ahead of consideration of nominations for 2010.

## **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3 The granting of awards is a constitutional function of the standards committee. Members need to be satisfied as to the categories and criteria before granting awards.
- 4 There is general acceptance that the awards need to be current and reflect our diverse communities, their contributions and achievements. Access to awards needs to be open and transparent and agreement on categories and eligibility will aid this process.
- 5 It must be recognised that the purpose of the review is to confirm the categories and criteria between members of standards committee and the Civic Association. The standards committee would not be able to challenge the agreed categories later or change them or the criteria at the meeting when nominations are considered.
- 6 In November 2009, council assembly agreed the introduction of a new discretionary Mayor's award. The Mayor's office protocol is being updated to reflect this including guidance on eligibility.

## **Resource implications**

- 7 There are no resource implications associated with this report.

## **Community Impact Statement**

- 8 The council is committed to promoting opportunities and good relations in our communities. To further this aim, civic award processes should be accountable and transparent and the basis for awards should be widely understood. Application forms are distributed widely throughout the borough and any person is able to submit a nomination to the Civic Association.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Southwark constitution	On line	Ian Millichap
Civic Association constitution	Tooley Street PO Box 64529, London, SE1P 5LX	Gill Allwright (x57235)
Civic Awards Working Group papers	Tooley Street PO Box 64529, London, SE1P 5LX	Graham Love (x50617)
Standards Committee reports	On line	Andrew Weir

## AUDIT TRAIL

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Strategic director of Communities, Law & Governance	No	No
Chief Finance Officer	No	No
Executive member	No	No
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