

Item No. 7.	Classification: Open	Date: 8 March 2016	Meeting Name: Standards Committee
Report title:		Appointment of co-opted member on the Standards (Civic Awards) Sub-Committee	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

RECOMMENDATION

1. To appoint a third co-opted member of the standards (civic awards) sub-committee having regard to the guidance in paragraph 7 of this report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Council assembly on 8 July 2015 made a resolution that from the 2015/16 civic year, the administration of the civic awards be carried out by the council pending a longer term review of the operation of the awards scheme.
3. Council assembly on 8 July 2015 also agreed that a standards (civic awards) sub-committee be established and that the decisions on the granting of civic awards be delegated to the sub-committee. It approved the necessary changes to the constitution.
4. Standards committee on 4 November 2015 established a standards (civic awards) sub-committee for the municipal year 2015/16, with the size and composition set out below:

	Labour (3)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Conservatives (0)
1.	Cleo Soanes (Chair)		
2.	Dora Dixon-Fyle		
3.	Sarah King		
4.		Rosie Shimell (Vice-chair)	

Co-optees (3)

5. Mr Gordon McCullough, Chief Executive of Community Action Southwark.
6. Mr Gary Magold, local community representative.
7. Appointee to be agreed at the next meeting of the standards committee in March 2016.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. The granting of civic awards is a constitutional function of standards committee as set out in Part 3L of the council's constitution. The standards committee has delegated this function to a sub-committee. Standards sub-committee members have the final discretion whether or not to grant an award, and on the level of award that should be granted.

6. The following matters are reserved for decision by the standards (civic awards) sub-committee:
 - (1) to grant civic awards.
 - (2) to consider the process by which the decisions with respect to civic awards applications are to be taken and to make recommendations to the standards committee.
 - (3) to appoint non-voting co-opted members.
7. Subject to consideration by members, it is proposed that the third non-voting co-opted member on the sub-committee be a representative of the local community. Officers from the council's civic office will put forward recommendations(s) to the sub-committee.
8. The council's co-opted members are required to sign the declaration of acceptance of office and agree to be bound by the council's code of conduct. Co-opted members are also expected to complete the council's register of interest form. This is retained by the proper constitutional officer and is available for public inspection; co-opted member's forms are not published on the council's website. Co-opted members may receive closed information relating to their roles and in accordance with the code will be expected to maintain strict confidentiality and ensure these documents are disposed of in an appropriate way.

Community impact statement

9. The sub-committee is intended to have a positive community impact by improving the administration and in particular the equalities monitoring of the civic awards scheme

Resource implications

10. There are no significant budget implications arising from the proposals set out in this report. Non-statutory co-opted members are able to claim re-imbusement of travelling and subsistence. They are entitled to claim child-care and dependent carer's allowance. The terms and conditions applying to these expenses and allowances are set out in the member allowances scheme published in the council's constitution. It is anticipated that the recommended changes can be maintained within existing resources.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
<p>Council assembly agenda dated 8 July 2015 http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=132&MId=5063&Ver=4</p> <p>Standards committee agenda dated 4 November 2015 http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=117&MId=5169&Ver=4</p> <p>Member allowances scheme – Published January 2015</p>	<p>Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH</p>	<p>Chidilim Agada Principal Constitutional Officer 020 7525 3310</p>

APPENDICES

No.	Title
None.	

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