

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Standards Committee held on Wednesday 4 November 2015 at 7.00 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room GO2A, Council Offices, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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**PRESENT:** Councillor David Hubber (Vice-Chair) (In the chair)  
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE  
Councillor Dan Garfield  
Councillor Sarah King  
Councillor Cleo Soanes

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr Charles Wynn-Evans (independent person)

**OFFICER SUPPORT:** Norman Coombe, Head of Corporate Team, Legal Services  
Michael Cleere, Civic Engagement Manager  
Chidilim Agada, Principal Constitutional Officer

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr William Dee (independent person).

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The members present were confirmed as the voting members.

### 3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no urgent items of business.

### 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

**5. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the open section of the meeting held on 2 March 2015 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

**6. REVIEW OF MEMBER AND OFFICER PROTOCOL AND COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL (VERBAL UPDATE)**

The committee noted that the standards committee and the monitoring officer jointly keep the member and officer protocol and communications protocol under review and make recommendations for changes as appropriate. However this year no issues were identified with the current protocols, therefore no amendments were proposed.

**7. ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH CIVIC AWARDS**

The civic engagement manager updated the committee on the work programme for the 2016 civic awards. The committee noted the existing Civic Award categories, criteria and eligibility and also noted that apart from the Civic Awards, Southwark Council has the prestigious Housing Heroes award. The committee agreed that following the Housing Heroes awards on 28 January 2016, it will look at reviewing the Civic Awards categories in order that the awards recognise exceptional contributions to the civic life in the borough.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That a standards (civic awards) sub-committee with the size and composition set out below be established having had regard to the guidance set out in paragraph 13 of the report:

	Labour (3)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Conservatives (0)
1.	Cleo Soanes		
2.	Dora Dixon-Fyle		
3.	Sarah King		
4.		Rosie Shimell	
Co-optees (3)			
5.	Mr Gordon McCullough, Chief Executive of Community Action Southwark, subject to confirmation by the appointee.		
6.	Mr Gary Magold, local community representative, subject to confirmation by the appointee.		
7.	Appointee to be agreed at the next meeting of the standards committee in March 2016.		

2. That Councillor Cleo Soanes be appointed chair and Councillor

Rosie Shimell be appointed vice-chair of the standards (civic awards) sub-committee.

3. That the committee note the role and functions/matters reserved of the standards (civic awards) sub-committee as set out in paragraph 14 of the report) as agreed by council assembly on 8 July 2015.

**8. REPORT ON THE OPERATIONAL USE OF THE REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000**

**RESOLVED:**

That the information relating to the use of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) for the period 1 January 2015 and 30 September 2015 be noted.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING AND ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR AS URGENT.**

There were none.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was moved, seconded and

**RESOLVED:**

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in category 1 of paragraph 10.4 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Southwark Constitution.

**9. MINUTES**

The minutes of the closed section of the meeting held on 2 March 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

Meeting ended at 7.23 pm

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**