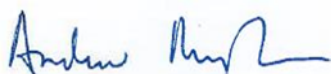


<b>LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN</b>	<b>WARDS:</b> All
<b>REPORT TITLE</b> Standards Information and Guidance Record	
<b>REPORT OF</b> Borough Solicitor	
<b>FOR SUBMISSION TO</b> Standards Committee	<b>DATE</b> 26 June 2023
<p><b>SUMMARY OF REPORT</b></p> <p>This report sets out the record of standards information and guidance issued to Members of the Council.</p> <p><b>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information</b></p> <p>Various emails to councillors as detailed in the appendix to the report.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer:</b> Cheryl Hardman Principal Committee Officer Camden Town Hall Judd Street London WC1H 9JE 020 7974 1619 <a href="mailto:cheryl.hardman@camden.gov.uk">cheryl.hardman@camden.gov.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p> <p>That Standards Committee notes the record of standards guidance.</p>	

Signed:



Borough Solicitor

Date:

7 June 2023

## **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 (Appendix A).

## **2. Changes to the Record**

- 2.1. At the Standards Committee meeting on 6 February 2023, it was agreed that the Chair should send an email to all councillors with guidance on the use of personal email accounts for Council business and is attached to the report *Update on Standards Matters – June 2023*. Information regarding the Council’s obligations to declare related party transactions and the subsequent need to update registers of interests was circulated in March (Appendix B). In June, all Members were reminded to have registered any gifts and hospitality for the 2022/23 municipal year (Appendix C).

## **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**

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

Appendix B: Related party transactions guidance

Appendix C: Gifts and Hospitality reminder

**REPORT ENDS**