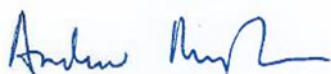


<b>LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN</b>	<b>WARDS:</b> All
<b>REPORT TITLE</b> Standards Information and Guidance Record	
<b>REPORT OF</b> Borough Solicitor	
<b>FOR SUBMISSION TO</b> Standards Committee	<b>DATE</b> 21 October 2024
<p><b>SUMMARY OF REPORT</b></p> <p>This report sets out the record of standards 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:

9 October 2024

## **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. Information regarding the Council’s obligations to declare related party transactions and the subsequent need to update registers of interests was circulated in March. A reminder on the sensitive interests provisions in the Localism Act was also circulated, reiterating that home addresses are automatically withheld from the public register and held on a separate sensitive interests register due to concerns about intimidation in public life. In June all Members were reminded to have registered any gifts and hospitality for the 2023/24 municipal year and in September all councillors and co-opted Members were reminded of the obligation to register statutory disclosable pecuniary interests and compulsory registerable non-pecuniary interests, as well as gifts and hospitality.

## **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

**REPORT ENDS**