

	<p>Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee</p> <p>25 November 2014</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Member's Item – Standards Regime</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>None</p>
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Summary

The report informs the Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee of a Member's Item and requests instructions from the Committee

Recommendations

That the Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee's instructions in relation to this Member's item are requested

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 Councillor Alison Moore has requested that a Member's Item be considered on the following matter:

1.2 "To ask CEP to agree the following changes to the Standards regime in Barnet:

- Reinststate a Standards Committee with an independent Chair (as well as the Independent Persons) and one representative from each of the three political groups
- Ensure that any councillor subject to a complaint under the Code of Conduct is allowed access to the Independent Person throughout the process
- Ensure that any councillor subject to a complaint under the Code of Conduct is allowed legal representation to attend with them at any hearings."

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.3.1 Council Constitution, Meeting Procedure Rules (section 6) states that a Member, including appointed substitute Members of a Committee may have one item only on an agenda that he/she serves. Members items must be within the term of reference of the decision making body which will consider the item.

5.3.2 There are no legal references in the context of this report.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 Member's Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Email to Head of Governance (Acting) dated 13 November 2014.