

## **REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

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### **Disqualification criteria for Councillors & Mayors**

In September 2017 the Government published a consultation on updating the Disqualification criteria for Councillors and Mayors. The consultation paper set out the government's proposals for updating the criteria disqualifying individuals from standing for, or holding office, as a local authority member, directly-elected mayor or member of the London Assembly.

The Government is inviting everyone to comment but particularly has sought the views of prospective and current councillors amongst others.

The Standards Committee initially considered this consultation at their meeting in October and Members have since advised on their further views.

The Standards Committee's response is set out in the Appendix to this report.

The consultation closes on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### **Member Complaints**

The committee continues to monitor receipt and handling of complaints in respect of the Members code of conduct.

### **Work Programme**

The Committee has confirmed in January it will be reviewing the Protocol on Member/Officer relations as part of the preparation for the update of the Council's Constitution in May 2018.

**Tasleem Fazal  
Chair**

**Michael Lee  
Vice Chair**