Key themes

Review of London borough website constitutions

Membership - themes	Politically balanced	Membership restrictions	Chairing restrictions	Co-opted members	Independent Persons as advisers/obs ervers	Size of committee
	Most. Some unclear. 2 with political balance specifically removed. (Camden, Lambeth)	Commonly: No more than 1 Cabinet Member (CM); Not the Leader; Some not the Mayor. Some CM for probity/govern ance must be a member.	Many had restrictions on a Cabinet Member not chairing. A few had Chair majority group Vice Chair minority group (Southwark, Sutton).	Some had non-voting co-opted members alongside elected councillors (especially when undertaking audit functions also). A few had chairing non-voting roles. One had a chairing voting role as an advisory committee (Tower Hamlets).	All.	4 - 12 councillors 1- 6 co-opted members.
Terms of Reference - themes	Standards combined with audit and governance	Standards alone	Template terms of reference (including promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct, reviewing code, training, dispensations, hearing complaints etc.)	Additional areas in T of R:		
	12	19	17	Responding to consultations; Receipt of reports; Issue of annual report; Establishment of sub-committees; Amendments to the constitution; Review key protocols for Council; Whistleblowing; RIPA; Payments for maladministration; Staffing matters		
Frequency of meetings	All quarterly					