

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

**HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY 2009**

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5  
CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Carli Harper-Penman.

**DECISION**

That the apology be noted.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Please see minutes.

**3. MINUTES**

Further to a question from Councillor Eaton, the Service Head, Democratic Services confirmed that the Councillor appointed to the Permanent Placements Panel was not required to be a member of the Cabinet and the Council's Constitution had been amended accordingly in May 2009.

**DECISION**

That subject to the above clarification, the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and the Mayor authorised to sign them accordingly.

**4. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Please see minutes.

The Leader of the Council made an announcement regarding the recent resignation of the Chief Executive. The Mayor then invited the respective opposition group leaders each to put a question and a supplementary question on this matter to the Leader of the Council.

**5. TO RECEIVE ANY DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS**

**DEPUTATIONS**

**5.1.1 Deputation re: Opposing cuts at Tower Hamlets College**

Mr. Roberto Foth addressed the meeting in support of the deputation.

**DECISION**

(1) That the deputation be referred to the Corporate Director, Children, Schools and Families for a written response on any outstanding matters within 28 days; and

(2) That the deputation be also referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

(Action by: Kevan Collins, Corporate Director, Children, Schools and Families – to respond in writing; and Lutfur Ali, Assistant Chief Executive – to note for O&S Committee)

**5.2.1 Petition re: Glasshouse Community Centre**

Ms. Johanna Kaschke addressed the meeting in support of the petition.

**DECISION**

That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director, Children, Schools and Families for a written response on any outstanding matters within 28 days.

(Action by: Kevan Collins, Corporate Director, Children, Schools and Families)

**5.2.2 Petition re: Stebondale Street**

Mrs. Gloria Thienel addressed the meeting in support of the petition.

**DECISION**

That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture for a written response on any outstanding matters within 28 days.

(Action by: Stephen Halsey, Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture)

**5.2.3 Petition re: the re-opening of the Perfect Fried Chicken at Ben Jonson Road and Aston Street, E1**

Ms. Newarun Nessa addressed the meeting in support of the petition.

**DECISION**

That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture for a written response on any outstanding matters within 28 days.

(Action by: Stephen Halsey, Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture)

**5.2.4 Petition re: the closure of the pedestrian crossing outside the Royal London Hospital**

Mr. Akkar Miah addressed the meeting in support of the petition.

**DECISION**

That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture for a written response on any outstanding matters within 28 days.

(Action by: Stephen Halsey, Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture)

**5.2.5 Petition re: the noise level of the new public address system at All Saints DLR station**

Ms. Lee Tiff addressed the meeting in support of the petition.

**DECISION**

That the petition be referred to the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture for a written response on any outstanding matters within 28 days.

(Action by: Stephen Halsey, Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture)

**6. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**6.1 Question from Mr. Terry McGreenera to the Lead Member for Housing and Development, Councillor Marc Francis re: council housing**

The above question and an oral supplementary question were put by Mr. McGreenera and responded to by the Lead Member, Housing and Development

(Action by: Aman Dalvi, Corporate Director, Development and Renewal)

**6.2 Question from Mr. Barry Blandford to the Lead Member for Housing and Development, Councillor Marc Francis re: Jubilee Crescent, Sheltered Housing Scheme**

The above question and an oral supplementary question were put by Mr. Barry Blandford and responded to by the Lead Member, Housing and Development.

(Action by: Aman Dalvi, Corporate Director, Development and Renewal – NB: Cllr Francis agreed to visit Jubilee Crescent)

**6.3 Question from Ms. Johanna Kaschke to the Lead Member for Children, Schools and Families, Councillor Abdul Asad re: holiday play centre provision**

The above question and an oral supplementary question were put by Ms. Johanna Kaschke and responded to by the Lead Member, Children, Schools and Families.

(Action by: Kevan Collins, Corporate Director, Children, Schools and Families)

**7. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

**7.1 Question from Councillor Fazlul Haque to the Lead Member for Employment and Skills, Councillor Oliur Rahman re: partnership working with other public sector organisations to help our residents find work**

**7.2 Question from Councillor Rupert Eckhardt to the Lead Member for Housing and Development, Councillor Marc Francis re: return of Section 106 contributions**

- 7.3** Question from Councillor Alibor Choudhury to the Lead Member for Cleaner, Safer, Greener, Councillor Abdal Ullah re: drug arrests and combating anti-social behaviour
- 7.4** Question from Councillor Abjol Miah to the Lead Member for Housing and Development, Councillor Marc Francis re: social housing
- 7.5** Question from Councillor Waiseul Islam to the Lead Member for Culture and Leisure, Councillor Rofique Ahmed re: the Baishakhi Mela.
- 7.6** Question from Councillor Stephanie Eaton to the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Joshua Peck re: expenditure on media and public relations

The above questions, and oral supplementaries where put, were responded to by the relevant Lead Members.

Due to lack of time, questions 7 – 24 were not put. Written responses will be forwarded to the questioners.

(Action by: John S. Williams, Service Head, Democratic Services)

## **8. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES**

### **8.1 Report of the Cabinet of 6th May 2009: Joint Drinking Control Zone with LB Hackney for Arnold Circus and Shoreditch**

#### **DECISION**

That the Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture be authorised to:

- (1) consider any representations received in relation to the consultation referred to in recommendation 2.1 of the report (CAB 148/089) (Attached as Appendix A to the Council report)
- (2) approve the making of the proposed Drinking Control Zone for the area indicated on the plans attached as Appendix A to the report (CAB 148/089)
- (3) consider the inclusion of any additional areas within the Drinking Control Zone, referred to in recommendation 2.1 of the report (CAB 148/089), identified during the consultation as appropriate for such inclusion.

(Action by: Stephen Halsey, Corporate Director, Communities, Localities and Culture)

**8.2 Report of the Cabinet of 10th June 2009: Strategic Plan 2009/10 - 2011/12: Year 1 Action Plan and Outline Plan**

**DECISION**

- (1) That the Council's Strategic Plan 2009/10-11/12: Year 1 Action Plan, attached at Appendix 1 to the report (CAB 004/090) (Attached as Appendix A to the Council report) and the Outline Plan, attached at Appendix 2 be approved.
- (2) That the Chief Executive be authorised to make appropriate and necessary amendments to the Strategic Plan 2009/10-211/12: Year 1 Action Plan and the Outline Plan prior to publication.

(Action by: Kevan Collins, Interim Chief Executive/Lutfur Ali, Assistant Chief Executive)

**9. TO RECEIVE REPORTS AND QUESTIONS ON JOINT ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (IF ANY)**

**9.1 Joint Arrangements**

There was no business under this heading to be considered.

**9.2 External Organisations**

There was no business under this heading to be considered.

At this point the time limit for the meeting was reached. In accordance with Part 4, Rule 9 of the Constitution, the guillotine procedure came into operation and the following items were put to the vote without debate:-

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

**10.1 Appointment of Interim Chief Executive**

**DECISION**

That Dr. Kevan Collins, the current Director of Children, Schools and Families, be appointed as Interim Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009 until a permanent appointment is made.

(Action by: Deb Clarke, Joint Director of Human Resources)

**10.2 Executive Decisions taken under Special Urgency Provisions**

**DECISION**

That the report be noted.

**11. TO CONSIDER MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

Motions 11.1 – 11.13 as listed below were not considered due to lack of time, the meeting having closed in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 (Duration of meeting).

- 11.1 Motion submitted by Councillor Tim Archer regarding local bin taxes/ Waste Incentive Pilot Schemes**
- 11.2 Motion submitted by Councillor Marc Francis regarding Strangers into Citizens Campaign**
- 11.3 Motion submitted by Councillor Stephanie Eaton regarding future provision of a Multi-Faith Burial Ground**
- 11.4 Motion submitted by Councillor Abjol Miah regarding Education cuts**
- 11.5 Motion submitted by Councillor Ahmed Hussain regarding Sex and Relationship Education (SRE) in the Borough**
- 11.6 Motion submitted by Councillor Ohid Ahmed regarding opposing Tory cuts**
- 11.7 Motion submitted by Councillor Abdul Matin regarding eliminating excessive punishment for minor parking offences**
- 11.8 Motion submitted by Councillor Harun Miah regarding Overcrowding Strategy**
- 11.9 Motion submitted by Councillor Alex Heslop regarding support for the co-operative and social enterprise sector**
- 11.10 Motion submitted by Councillor Dulal Uddin regarding Robin Hood Gardens**
- 11.11 Motion submitted by Councillor Mamun Rashid regarding Tipaimukh Dam**
- 11.12 Motion submitted by Councillor Fozol Miah regarding Crossrail**
- 11.13 Motion submitted by Councillor Abdul Munim regarding Chief Executive's Resignation**

The meeting ended at 10.55 p.m.