

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY 2015
MP701, 7TH FLOOR, MULBERRY PLACE, 5, CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON E14
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Members Present:

Councillor Sabina Akhtar (Chair)
Councillor Aminur Khan
Councillor Khaled Uddin Ahmed
Councillor Abjol Miah
Councillor Ayas Miah
Councillor Danny Hassell

Apologies:

Councillor David Edgar
Councillor Abdul Asad

Officers Present:

Robert McCulloch-Graham,	– Corporate Director, Social Care and Wellbeing
Hania Franek	– (Head of School Governance & Information, Education Social Care & Wellbeing)
Elizabeth Dowuona	– Committee Officer (Democratic Services)

1. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Councillor Khaled Ahmed nominated Councillor David Edgar for the appointment of Vice Chair of the General Purposes Committee for the duration of the 2015/2016 municipal year. The nomination was seconded by Councillor Abjol Miah. There being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED –

That Councillor David Edgar be appointed Vice-Chair of the General Purposes Committee for the duration of the 2015/2016 municipal year.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillors Danny Hassell and Aminur Khan declared a non-pecuniary interest in Para 4.6 on the grounds that they were acquainted with the applicant. They both indicated however that they were able to determine the application with an open mind.

3. MINUTES

The unrestricted minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 16 April 2015 were presented for approval.

RESOLVED –

That the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 16 April 2015 be agreed and signed by the Chair, as a correct record of the proceedings.

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

5. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE, QUORUM, MEMBERSHIP AND DATES OF MEETING

The report was introduced by Elizabeth Dowuona who explained that the report set out the Committee's terms of reference, quorum, membership, and dates for the municipal year 2015/16 for information of members of the General Purposes Committee.

Members referred to the functions of the General Purposes Committee, in particular, Paragraph (vii) of the terms of reference of the Committee the functions which under the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, may not be the responsibility of the Executive and which had not delegated elsewhere under this Constitution.

The General Purposes Committee agreed that a list be devised showing the functions that the General Purposes Committee may have responsibility for which may not be the responsibility of the Executive and which had not been delegated elsewhere under the Constitution.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the General Purposes Committee noted its terms of reference, quorum, membership and dates of future meetings as set out in appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the report of the Service Head, Democratic Services.
- (2) That a list be devised showing other functions which under the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, may not be the responsibility of the Executive and which had not been delegated elsewhere under the Council's Constitution.

6. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED –

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the remaining agenda item contained information defined as exempt or confidential in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

Councillor Sabina Aktar
Chair, General Purposes Committee