

# GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

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Thursday, 12 October 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London,  
E14 2BG

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**Members:**

Chair: Councillor Danny Hassell

Vice-Chair: Councillor Denise Jones

Councillor Craig Aston, Councillor Aminur Khan, Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE,  
Councillor Muhammad Ansar Mustaqim, Councillor Joshua Peck and Councillor Helal  
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**Deputies:**

Councillor Asma Begum, Councillor Peter Golds, Councillor Ayas Miah and Councillor  
Candida Ronald

[The quorum for this body is 3 Members]

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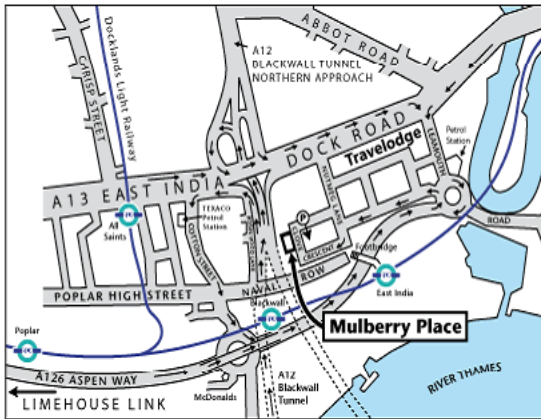
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## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS** **1 - 4**

To note any declarations of interest made by Members, including those restricting Members from voting on the questions detailed in Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992.

See attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

- 2. MINUTES** **5 - 16**

To agree the unrestricted minutes of the ordinary General Purposes Committee meeting held on 5 July 2017 and the Extraordinary General Purposes Committee meeting held on 13 September 2017.

- 3. WORK PLAN** **17 - 20**

To review the Committee's work plan for the 2017/18 municipal year.

- 4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 4 .1 Update of preparations for the Mayor and Local elections 2018** **21 - 30**

Preparations in place for the Mayor and Local Government elections 2018.

- 4 .2 LA Governor Appointment Report** **31 - 78**

This report sets out for Members details of applicants who have applied to be nominated as the local authority governor at Tower Hamlets maintained schools.

- 4 .3 Employment Appeals Against Dismissal - Update** **79 - 84**

This report updates Members about progress towards hearing outstanding employment appeals in the period July to mid-September.

It also follows the General Purposes Committee meeting of July this year where it was agreed to receive a review of Employment Policies and Procedures later in this municipal year including arrangements for appeals.

- 4 .4 HR Policies and Procedures - diagnostic** **To Follow**

<b>4 .5</b>	<b>Member Learning &amp; Development</b>	<b>To Follow</b>
<b>4 .6</b>	<b>Review of external appointments</b>	<b>85 - 102</b>
	Further to a request by the Mayor, this report provides the Committee with an overview of the Council's process for appointing representatives to outside bodies and information on bodies to which the Council nominates (or may nominate) representatives. It forms the first part of a review that will allow the Committee to look at the range of current organisations, make recommendations about the appropriateness of appointments to each body and develop a picture of the skills and accountabilities needed for appointees to each outside body. This report asks that further work be undertaken to inform Phase 2 of the review.	
<b>4 .7</b>	<b>Constitution Review – Council Procedure Rules</b>	<b>103 - 108</b>
	General Purposes Committee on 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 agreed to review the Council Procedure Rules. This report presents a revised set of Rules for recommendation to Council.	
<b>4 .8</b>	<b>Constitution Review – Member/ Officer Relations' Protocol</b>	<b>109 - 130</b>
	General Purposes Committee on 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 agreed to review the Member/Officer Relations' Protocol. This report presents a revised Member/Officer Relations' Protocol for recommendation to Council and addresses the Best Value Programme Review Board consideration for a Member to Member protocol.	
<b>4 .9</b>	<b>Whistleblowing – New policy, processes and the work of Grant Thornton</b>	<b>131 - 136</b>
	In January 2017 Grant Thornton UK LLP was commissioned to undertake a review of the whistleblowing arrangements of the Council. They produced a report outlining their findings and made a number of recommendations that they considered would produce a more effective whistleblowing framework for the Council and suggested an action plan.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT</b>	

## **6. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In view of the contents of the remaining items on the agenda the Committee is recommended to adopt the following motion:

“That, under 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 for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contains information defined as Exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.”

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## **7. RESTRICTED REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **7.1 Senior Recruitment Update**

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This report updates Members on recent senior recruitment activity.

#### **Next Meeting of the Committee:**

Thursday, 25 January 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG