

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

HELD AT 6.40 P.M. ON MONDAY, 26 MARCH 2018

**MP702 - TOWN HALL MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON E14
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Members Present:

Councillor Danny Hassell (Chair)
Councillor Rachael Saunders
Councillor Helal Uddin

Apologies:

Councillor Denise Jones
Councillor Abdul Mukit MBE
Councillor Muhammad Ansar Mustaqim

Officers Present:

Asmat Hussain	(Corporate Director, Governance and Monitoring Officer)
Zena Cooke	(Corporate Director, Resources)
Joel West	(Senior Democratic Services Officer)

1. QUORUM

At the start of the meeting, the Chair noted that only two voting members of the Committee were present (himself and Councillor Uddin) and therefore the meeting was inquorate as its terms of reference state a quorum of three voting members. The Chair delayed the meeting pending arrival of further Councillors. At 6.55pm, Councillor Rachael Saunders arrived and the Chair, noting that the meeting was now quorate, started the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None were declared.

3. MINUTES

The unrestricted minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 8 February 2018 were agreed as a correct record, subject to inclusion in minute 4.1 of the Committee's decisions to:

- a) Temporarily delegate authority for the Appointment and revocation of local authority school governors to the Corporate Director Childrens Services in consultation with the Chair of the General Purposes

Committee, until the first ordinary meeting of the General Purposes Committee in the 2018/19 municipal year; and

- b) Request that a report on the exercise of this delegation (if any) by the Corporate Director be submitted to the first ordinary meeting of the General Purposes Committee in the 2018/19 municipal year.

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Update on Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer Recruitment Activity - March 2018

Zena Cooke, Corporate Director, Resources, introduced the report which provided an update in relation to interim arrangements and proposals to fill posts on a permanent basis at Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer level.

Further to paragraph 3.2, which referred to a possible minor amendment to the Committee's terms of reference, the Committee noted that this proposal would be presented to a future Committee meeting for a formal decision.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee:

- 1. Notes the report.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

None.

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

- 1. 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.

7. HR DIVISION RESTRUCTURE AND RELATED MATTERS - STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

Zena Cooke, Corporate Director, Resources, introduced the exempt report which provided information in respect of employees who are to be dismissed on the grounds of redundancy and whose total severance package exceeds the £100,000 threshold.

Members discussed the report and agreed the recommendations as set out.

The meeting ended at 7.10 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Danny Hassell
General Purposes Committee