

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY 2009

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

Members Present:

Councillor Helal Abbas	Councillor Sirajul Islam
Councillor Ohid Ahmed	Councillor Waiseul Islam
Councillor Rajib Ahmed	Councillor Ann Jackson
Councillor Rofique U Ahmed	Councillor Denise Jones
Councillor Shahed Ali	Councillor Dr. Emma Jones
Councillor M. Shahid Ali	Councillor Azizur Rahman Khan
Councillor Tim Archer	Councillor Rania Khan
Councillor Abdul Asad	Councillor Abjol Miah
Councillor Lutfu Begum	Councillor Ahmed Adam Omer
Councillor Philip Briscoe	Councillor Joshua Peck
Councillor Alibor Choudhury	Councillor Lutfur Rahman
Councillor Stephanie Eaton	Councillor Oliur Rahman
Councillor Rupert Eckhardt	Councillor M. Mamun Rashid
Councillor Marc Francis	Councillor Muhammad Abdullah Salique
Councillor Peter Golds	Councillor A A Sardar
Councillor Fazlul Haque	Councillor Rachael Saunders
Councillor Shafiqul Haque	Councillor David Snowdon
Councillor Carli Harper-Penman	Councillor Bill Turner
Councillor Clair Hawkins	Councillor Dulal Uddin
Councillor Alexander Heslop	Councillor Abdal Ullah
Councillor Shirley Houghton	Councillor Salim Ullah
Councillor Ahmed Hussain	Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman

The meeting opened at 7.38 p.m.

The Mayor, Councillor Muhammad Abdullah Salique, in the chair

MAYOR'S OPENING ADDRESS

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the annual meeting of the Council.

The Mayor, Councillor Muhammad Abdullah Salique, addressed the meeting about his year of office. He said that he had had a wonderful year and would have many memories to take with him from his experiences and thanked Members and Officers for their support. He had carried out almost 500 civic engagements, including Citizenship Ceremonies, and had the pleasure of meeting members of the Royal Family. His biggest pleasure had been meeting the wonderful people of the borough as he had been warmly

welcomed by the young and the old and people from different cultures and faiths. During Cllr Salique's year of office, he had raised £43,000 between his two charities, the APASENTH and Child Concern Consortium.

Councillor Lutfur Rahman paid tribute to Cllr Salique on behalf of the Council and Councillors Peter Golds, Abjol Miah, Stephanie Eaton and Ahmed Hussain also addressed the meeting about his year in office and echoed Councillor Rahman's comments.

1. TO ELECT A MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN 2010

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Lutfur Rahman, **SECONDED** by Councillor Marc Francis and

RESOLVED

That Councillor Ahmed Adam Omer be elected as Mayor until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2010.

Councillors Lutfur Rahman and Joshua Peck then came forward to witness the Mayor signing the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

The Mayor, Councillor Ahmed Omer in the Chair

The incoming Mayor then addressed the meeting. He paid tribute to Councillor Salique and thanked Members of the Council for placing their trust in him and giving him the opportunity to serve as Mayor.

Councillor Omer expressed great pride in becoming the 45th Mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and the first to come from the Somali community which had played a significant role in the borough for well over 100 years. Councillor Omer drew inspiration from that heritage and hoped that his appointment as Mayor would inspire young people from all parts of the community to become actively involved in the civic life of the borough.

During his term of office the Mayor informed the Council that he would be raising funds for two local charities - St Margaret's House Settlement and the Bangladeshi Parents and Carers' Association – both of which played a key role in supporting and helping citizens young and old, and those suffering disadvantage, to play their full role in society.

Councillors Peter Golds, Stephanie Eaton, Abjol Miah and Ahmed Hussain addressed the meeting to congratulate Councillor Omer on his appointment.

2. TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN 2010

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Lutfur Rahman, **SECONDED** by Councillor Joshua Peck and

RESOLVED

That Councillor Lutfu Begum be elected as the Deputy Mayor until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2010.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anwara Ali, Shiria Khatun, Abdul Matin, Fozol Miah, Harun Miah, Abdul Munim and Tim O'Flaherty.

RESOLVED

That the apologies be noted.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22nd April 2009 be confirmed and signed as a correct record of the proceedings and the Mayor be authorised to sign them accordingly.

6. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

No announcements were made.

7. TO ELECT THE LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

(a) Election of the Leader of the Council

Councillor Joshua Peck **MOVED**, Councillor Carli Harper-Penman **SECONDED** and it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Lutfur Rahman be elected as the Leader of the Council, until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2010.

(b) Election of the Deputy Leader of the Council

Councillor Lutfur Rahman **MOVED**, Councillor Rachael Saunders **SECONDED** and it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Joshua Peck be elected as the Deputy Leader of the Council, until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2010.

8. TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE CABINET

The Chief Executive referred Members to the tabled report which set out the nominations received for Cabinet positions for the municipal year 2009/2010 together with proposed portfolios.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Lutfur Rahman, **SECONDED** by Councillor Joshua Peck and

RESOLVED

That the Cabinet to comprise of 10 Members and those Members with the allocated portfolios be appointed to serve as Cabinet Members until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2010 as set out below:

Councillor Lutfur Rahman	-	Leader of the Council
Councillor Joshua Peck	-	Deputy Leader of the Council
Councillor Ohid Ahmed	-	Lead Member, Resources & Performance
Councillor Abdul Asad	-	Lead Member, Children's Services
Councillor Abdal Ullah	-	Lead Member, Cleaner, Safer, Greener
Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed	-	Lead Member, Culture and Leisure
Councillor Marc Francis	-	Lead Member, Housing & Development
Councillor Oliur Rahman	-	Lead Member, Employment & Skills
Councillor Anwara Ali	-	Lead Member, Health & Wellbeing
Councillor Rania Khan	-	Lead Member, Regeneration, Localisation & Community Partnerships

In moving and seconding the above resolution, Councillors Lutfur Rahman and Joshua Peck each paid tribute to the contributions of Councillors Alibor Choudhury, Clair Hawkins and Sirajul Islam, who had served as members of the Cabinet during 2008/09.

9. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Lutfur Rahman, **SECONDED** by Councillor Joshua Peck and

RESOLVED, with 35 Members voting in favour and none voting against:-

That the following persons be appointed as Independent Members of the Standards Committee, each to serve a three year term of office expiring on 20th May 2012, subject to annual confirmation by the Council:-

- Ms. Salina Bagum;
- Mr. Richard Hopkins;
- Mr. Barry Lowe; and
- Mr. Matthew Rowe

10. REVIEW OF PROPORTIONALITY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES/PANELS OF THE COUNCIL

The Chief Executive referred Members to the report included in the agenda papers which set out the review of proportionality and recommended the allocation of places on the Council's committees and panels.

Councillor Lutfur Rahman **MOVED** and Councillor Joshua Peck **SECONDED** an **AMENDMENT** to the recommendations in the report as follows:-

- (a) "That the allocation of seats on the Strategic Development Committee be Labour Group 6, Conservative Group 1, Respect Group 1 and Liberal Democrat Group 1.
- (b) That the allocation of seats on the Pensions Committee be Labour Group 5, Conservative Group 2, Respect Group 1, Liberal Democrat Group 1."

Councillor Peter Golds then **MOVED** and Councillor Tim Archer **SECONDED** "That the proportionality be agreed as set out in 3.3 of the report".

The Service Head Democratic Services advised the Council that the allocation of committee places recommended in the report, and that proposed in the amendment moved by Councillor Lutfur Rahman, were both in compliance with the proportionality rules and the Council could therefore decide between them. Amendments must be taken in the order in which they were moved and each must be disposed of before any further amendment was considered. Therefore Councillor Lutfur Rahman's amendment would be voted on first and if this was lost then Councillor Peter Golds' amendment would be put.

The amendment moved by Councillor Lutfur Rahman was then put to the vote and was **AGREED**.

The substantive recommendations as amended were then put to the vote and were **AGREED**. Accordingly it was

RESOLVED

1. That the review of proportionality be noted;
2. That the Committees and Panels be established for the Municipal Year 2009/2010 and places be allocated on those Committees and Panels to the political groups as set out in the table below:-

Committees/panels covered by the requirement for proportionality:

Committee	Total	Labour	Conserv -ative	Respect	Liberal Democrat
Development	9	6	1	1	1
Strategic Development	9	6	1	1	1
General Purposes	7	5	1	1	-
Human Resources	7	5	1	1	-
Appeals	9	6	1	1	1
Pensions	9	5	2	1	1
Audit	7	4	1	1	1
Overview & Scrutiny (plus 5 co-optees)	9	6	1	1	1
Health Scrutiny Panel	7	4	1	1	1
Licensing	15	9	3	2	1

Committee not covered by the requirement for proportionality:

Committee	Total	Labour	Conser- vative	Respect	Liberal Democrat
Standards (plus 9 independent members)	5	2	1	1	1

11. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES/PANELS OF THE COUNCIL

The Chief Executive referred Members to the tabled report which informed the Council of the nominations received from the political groups on the Council for membership of Committees/Panels of the Authority for the municipal year 2009/2010. The report contained a typographical error – on the final page, ‘Deputy Leader of the Respect Group’ should read ‘Councillor Dulal Uddin’.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Lutfur Rahman, **SECONDED** by Councillor Joshua Peck and

RESOLVED

That Members and Deputies be appointed to the Committees and Panels of the Council for the Municipal Year 2009/10 as set out in the tabled schedule appended to the minutes.

12. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO LONDON COUNCILS COMMITTEES AND FORUMS

The meeting considered a report which requested the Council to make nominations to a number of London Council Member bodies. An addendum report was tabled setting out the nominations received.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Lutfur Rahman, **SECONDED** by Councillor Joshua Peck and

RESOLVED

That the Members and Deputies be nominated to the various bodies of London Councils as set out below:

Leaders Committee (s101 Joint Committee) & London Council's Limited	Councillor Lutfur Rahman Councillor Joshua Peck (Deputy)
Transport and Environment Committee (Associated Joint Committee)	Councillor Abdal Ullah
Grants Committee (Associated Joint Committee)	Councillor Ohid Ahmed
Greater London Provincial Council	(GLPC Employers' Side now comprises 15 members nominated from the combined membership of the Leaders' Committee and the Greater London Employment Forum)
Health and Adult Services Forum	Councillor Dr. Anwara Ali Councillor Ahmed Omer (Deputy)
Housing Forum	Councillor Marc Francis Councillor Shiria Khatun (Deputy)
Culture, Tourism and 2012 Forum	Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed Councillor Waiseul Islam (Deputy)
Crime and Public Protection Forum	Councillor Abdal Ullah Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman (Deputy)
Economic Development Forum	Councillor Ohid Ahmed Councillor Rania Khan (Deputy)
Children and Young People Forum	Councillor Abdal Asad Councillor Bill Turner (Deputy)

Greater London Employment Forum	Councillor Oliur Rahman Councillor Alibor Choudhury (Deputy)
BME Councillors' Network	Open to all BM&E councillors.
Women Councillors' Network	Open to all women councillors.
London Irish Councillors' Network	A forum for all London councillors of Irish origin or background.
Lead Members	These are not nominated directly by boroughs

The meeting ended at 8.45 p.m.

Councillor Ahmed Omer
Mayor

APPENDIX A - LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2009-2010

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING – 20TH MAY 2009

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Nine members of the Council)			
Labour Group Nominations (and deputies)	Conservative Group Nominations (and deputies)	Respect Group Nominations (and deputies)	Liberal Democrat Group Nominations (and deputies)
Cllr Shafiqul Haque (Chair) Cllr Helal Abbas Cllr Alibor Choudhury Cllr Fazlul Haque Cllr Shiria Khatun Cllr Md. Abdullah Saique (Deputies:- Cllr Clair Hawkins Cllr Denise Jones Cllr Shahed Ali)	Cllr Shirley Houghton (Deputies:- Cllr Tim Archer Cllr Peter Golds Cllr Rupert Eckhardt)	Cllr Harun Miah (Deputies:- Cllr Abjol Miah Cllr Md. Abdul Munim Cllr Md. Mamun Rashid)	Cllr Tim O'Flaherty (Deputy:- Cllr Stephanie Eaton)

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE			
(Nine members of the Council to include 3 members of Development Committee and no more than 2 members of the Cabinet)			
Labour Group Nominations (and deputies)	Conservative Group Nominations (and deputies)	Respect Group Nominations (and deputies)	Liberal Democrat Group Nominations (and deputies)
<p>Cllr Shafiqul Haque (Chair) Cllr Shahed Ali Cllr Alibor Choudhury Cllr Shiria Khatun Cllr Marc Francis Cllr Rania Khan</p> <p>(Deputies:- Cllr Helal Abbas Cllr Denise Jones Cllr Sirajul Islam)</p>	<p>Cllr Rupert Eckhardt</p> <p>(Deputies: Cllr Tim Archer Cllr Shirley Houghton Cllr Peter Golds)</p>	<p>Cllr Dulal Uddin</p> <p>(Deputies:- Cllr Abjol Miah Cllr Harun Miah Cllr Md. Abdul Munim)</p>	<p>Cllr Stephanie Eaton</p> <p>(Deputy- Cllr Tim O'Flaherty)</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">LICENSING COMMITTEE (Fifteen members of the Council)</p>					
Labour Group Nominations	Conservative Nominations	Group	Respect Group Nominations	Liberal Democrat Nominations	Group
<p>Cllr Carli Harper-Penman (Chair) Cllr Rajib Ahmed Cllr Md. Shahid Ali Cllr Fazlul Haque Cllr Alex Heslop Cllr Clair Hawkins Cllr Waiseul Islam Cllr Rachael Saunders Cllr Motin Uz-Zaman</p>	<p>Cllr Rupert Eckhardt Cllr Peter Golds Cllr David Snowdon</p>		<p>Cllr Fozol Miah Cllr Md. Mamun Rashid</p>	<p>Cllr Abdul Matin</p>	

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Nine members of the Council and five co-opted members)					
Labour Nominations (and deputies)	Conservative Nominations (and deputies)	Respect Nominations (and deputies)	Liberal Group Nominations (and deputies)	Democrat Nominations (and deputies)	Nominated/Co-opted Members
<p>Cllr Sirajul Islam (Chair) Cllr Alex Heslop Cllr Ann Jackson Cllr Denise Jones Cllr A. A. Sardar Cllr Bill Turner</p> <p>(Deputies:- Cllr Salim Ullah Cllr Shahed Ali Cllr Shiria Khatun)</p>	<p>Cllr Tim Archer</p> <p>(Deputies:- Cllr Peter Golds Cllr David Snowdon)</p>	<p>Cllr Abjol Miah</p> <p>(Deputies:- Cllr Fozol Miah Cllr Harun Miah Cllr Md. Mamun Rashid)</p>	<p>Cllr Stephanie Eaton</p>	<p>Mr Hassan Mueenuddin – Muslim Community representative</p> <p>Vacancy –Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster representative</p> <p>Mr. Ahbab Miah - Parent Governor representative</p> <p>Mr. Abdur Rouf – Parent Government representative</p> <p>Vacancy - Church of England Diocese representative</p>	

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL (Seven members of the Council)			
Labour Group Nominations (and deputies)	Conservative Group Nominations (and deputies)	Respect Group Nominations (and deputies)	Liberal Democrat Group Nominations (and deputies)
<p>Cllr Bill Turner Cllr Lutfa Begum Cllr Alex Heslop Cllr Ann Jackson</p> <p>(Deputies:- Cllr Rachael Saunders Cllr Waiseul Islam Cllr Rajib Ahmed)</p>	<p>Cllr Dr. Emma Jones</p> <p>(Deputy:- Cllr Ahmed Hussain)</p>	<p>Cllr Abjol Miah</p> <p>(Deputies: – Cllr Md. Abdul Munim Cllr Mamun Rashid Cllr Dulal Uddin)</p>	<p>Cllr Stephanie Eaton</p>

APPEALS COMMITTEE (Nine members of the Council)				
Labour Group Nominations (and deputies)	Conservative Nominations (and deputies)	Group	Respect Group Nominations (and deputies)	Liberal Democrat Nominations (and deputies)
Cllr Salim Ullah (Chair) Cllr Rajib Ahmed Cllr Lutfa Begum Cllr Bill Turner Cllr Md. Abdullah Salique Cllr Motin Uz-Zaman (Deputies:- Cllr Denise Jones Cllr Md. Shahid Ali)	Cllr Ahmed Hussain (Deputies:- Cllr Shirley Houghton Cllr Peter Golds)		Cllr Harun Miah (Deputies – Cllr Abjol Miah Cllr Dulal Uddin Cllr Fozol Miah)	Cllr Azizur Rahman Khan

AUDIT COMMITTEE (Seven members of the Council)			
Labour Group Nominations (and deputies)	Conservative Nominations (and deputies)	Respect Group Nominations (and deputies)	Liberal Democrat Nominations (and deputies)
<p>Cllr Fazlul Haque (Chair) Cllr Helal Abbas Cllr Clair Hawkins Cllr Denise Jones</p> <p>(Deputies:- Cllr Lutfa Begum Cllr Md. Abdullah Salique Cllr Md. Shahid Ali)</p>	<p>Cllr David Snowdon</p> <p>(Deputy:- Cllr Rupert Eckhardt)</p>	<p>Cllr Abjol Miah</p> <p>(Deputies- Cllr Harun Miah Cllr Md. Abdul Munim)</p>	<p>Councillor Stephanie Eaton</p>

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (Seven members of the Council)			
Labour Group Nominations (and deputies)	Conservative Group Nominations (and deputies)	Respect Group Nominations (and deputies)	Liberal Democrat Group Nominations (and deputies)
Cllr Md. Shahid Ali (Chair) Cllr Lutfa Begum Cllr Clair Hawkins Cllr Waiseul Islam Cllr A. A. Sardar (Deputies:- Cllr Carli Harper-Penman Cllr Rajib Ahmed Cllr Salim Ullah)	Cllr Philip Briscoe (Deputy:- Cllr Peter Golds)	Cllr M. Mamun Rashid (Deputies – Cllr Abjol Miah Cllr Fozol Miah Cllr Md. Abdul Munim)	No Member

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (Seven members of the Council)			
Labour Group Nominations (and deputies)	Conservative Group Nominations (and deputies)	Respect Group Nominations (and deputies)	Liberal Democrat Group Nominations (and deputies)
Cllr Md. Abdullah Salique (Chair) Cllr Ohid Ahmed Cllr Md. Shahid Ali Cllr Shated Ali Cllr Joshua Peck (Deputies:- Cllr Rachael Saunders Cllr Helal Abbas Cllr Ann Jackson)	Cllr Philip Briscoe (Deputy:- Cllr David Snowdon)	Cllr Dulal Uddin (Deputies:- Cllr Fozol Miah Cllr Harun Miah)	No Member

PENSIONS COMMITTEE (Nine members of the Council)			
Labour Group Nominations (and deputies)	Conservative Nominations (and deputies)	Respect Group Nominations (and deputies)	Liberal Democrat Group Nominations (and deputies)
Cllr Rajib Ahmed (Chair) Cllr Helal Abbas Cllr Marc Francis Cllr Waiseul Islam Cllr Denise Jones (Deputies:- Cllr Shiria Khatun Cllr Alibor Chouhdury Cllr Shahed Ali)	Cllr David Snowdon (Deputy:- Cllr Tim Archer)	Cllr Fozol Miah (Deputies – Cllr Harun Miah Cllr Mamun Rashid)	Cllr Tim O’Flaherty

STANDARDS COMMITTEE				
(Not subject to proportionality rules. Five Members of the Council (which may not include the Leader or more than one other Cabinet Member), two from the majority group and one from each of the other political groups on the Council, plus nine Independent Members)				
Labour Nominations (and deputies)	Conservative Nominations (and deputies)	Respect Nominations (and deputies)	Liberal Group Nominations (and deputies)	Independent Members
Cllr Waiseul Islam Cllr Salim Ullah (Deputies:- Cllr Clair Hawkins Cllr Sirajul Islam Cllr Alex Heslop)	Cllr Dr. Emma Jones (Deputies:- Cllr Peter Golds)	Cllr Md. Abdul Munim (Deputies:- Cllr Md. Mamun Rashid Cllr Abjol Miah)	Cllr Azizur Rahman Khan	Continuing Members: Ms. S. Barry (until 26.5.10) Mr P. O'Connor (Chair) (until 20.5.10) Mr M. H. Rahman (until 20.5.10) Mr. I. Ali (until 20.5.11) Mr. E. Pemberton (until 20.5.11) New Members recommended for appointment until May 2012: Mr. B. Lowe Mr. M. Rowe Ms. S. Bagum Mr. R. Hopkins

PERMANENT PLACEMENTS PANEL			
(To comprise two Social Workers, one Member of the Cabinet, three Independent Persons and to include one man and one woman, up to a maximum of ten persons)			
Labour Group Nominations (and deputies)	Conservative Group Nominations (and deputies)	Respect Group Nominations (and deputies)	Liberal Democrat Group Nominations (and deputies)
Cllr Bill Turner	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

FOSTERING PANEL			
(To comprise two Social Workers, one elected Member and four Independent Persons, up to a maximum of ten persons)			
Labour Group Nominations (and deputies)	Conservative Group Nominations (and deputies)	Respect Group Nominations (and deputies)	Liberal Democrat Group Nominations (and deputies)
Cllr Ann Jackson	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

OTHER POSTS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Olympics Ambassador – Councillor Waiseul Islam

TO NOTE OPPOSITION GROUP APPOINTMENTS

Conservative Group	-	Leader of the Conservative Group	-	Councillor Peter Golds
		Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group	-	Councillor Timothy Archer
Respect Group	-	Leader of the Respect Group	-	Councillor Abjol Miah
		Deputy Leader of the Respect Group	-	Councillor Dulal Uddin
Liberal Democrat Group	-	Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group	-	Councillor Stephanie Eaton