

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**MINUTES OF THE FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH****HELD AT 4.25 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 7 MARCH 2018****SPEAKERS PARLOUR, 1ST FLOOR TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5
CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG****Name**

Councillor Sabina Akhtar (Chair)	Speaker of the Council
Councillor Khales Uddin Ahmed	Member
Councillor Peter Golds	Member
Councillor Denise Jones	Member
Preeti Udas	(Co-opted Member) representing THCVS – voluntary sector

Officers

Patricia Attawia	Executive Support to Speaker
Janet Fasan	Divisional Director Legal
Matthew Mannion	Committee Services Manager
Rushena Miah	Committee Services Officer

Apologies

Councillor Abdul Assad	Member
Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury	Member
Councillor Shafiqul Hoque	Member
Councillor Abdul Mukit	Member
Lesley Pavitt	(Co-opted Member)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed Members and Officers to the meeting.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**RESOLVED**

- i. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4. CO-OPTED MEMBERS REPORT

The proposed Co-optee, Preeti Udas (THCVS), was absent whilst Members deliberated on whether to co-opt her onto the Panel. Members agreed to Co-opt Preeti Udas onto the Panel which meant she could take part in the discussions.

RESOLVED

- i. To co-opt Preeti Udas onto the Freedom of the Borough Panel.

5. REPORT ON THE FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH AWARD CEREMONY

Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager, presented a report on the Freedom of the Borough Award Ceremony. He provided the Panel with two options for holding the ceremony. One option was to hold the award prior to the 23 May Council meeting. The second option was to hold the meeting at the first Council meeting of the municipal year in July.

The Panel decided to hold the award ceremony on the 23rd May 2018. This would enable the current speaker to present the award.

Members requested for Matthew Mannion to provide more detail on reports and timings for the AGM.

RESOLVED

- i. To note the report.
- ii. To note the proposed budget for the event.
- iii. To aim to hold the Award Ceremony in May.

6. REPORT ON NOMINATION PROCESS

Matthew Mannion, Committee Services Manager, presented a report on the nomination process for the Freedom of the Borough. 11 nominations were received. One nominee received seven nominations. In total there were five unique nominations.

Officers reviewed the nominations and had concluded they met the criteria for consideration.

The Panel agreed to a target of forwarding one or two nominees to Council if the nominations met the criteria for selection.

RESOLVED

- i. To agree to the nomination process.

6.1 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC:**NOMINATIONS RECEIVED**

The press and public were excluded from these proceedings in accordance with Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended on the grounds that further consideration of the items and options will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A to the Act; information relating to an individual and information

likely to reveal the identity of an individual and would not be in the public interest.

The Committee discussed the nominations received in order to consider whether they should be forwarded for selection at a Council meeting.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 5.30 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Sabina Akhtar
Freedom of the Borough