

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL (EXTRAORDINARY MEETING)**

**HELD AT 7.00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2012**

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

**Members Present:**

Mayor Lutfur Rahman	Councillor Dr. Emma Jones
Councillor Helal Abbas	Councillor Anwar Khan
Councillor Kabir Ahmed	Councillor Aminur Khan
Councillor Khaless Uddin Ahmed	Councillor Rabina Khan
Councillor Ohid Ahmed	Councillor Rania Khan
Councillor Rajib Ahmed	Councillor Shiria Khatun
Councillor Rofique U Ahmed	Councillor Md. Maium Miah
Councillor Shahed Ali	Councillor Harun Miah
Councillor Tim Archer	Councillor Fozol Miah
Councillor Abdul Asad	Councillor Mohammed Abdul Mukit MBE
Councillor Craig Aston	Councillor Ahmed Adam Omer
Councillor Lutfu Begum	Councillor Joshua Peck
Councillor Mizan Chaudhury	Councillor John Pierce
Councillor Alibor Choudhury	Councillor Zenith Rahman
Councillor Zara Davis	Councillor Oliur Rahman
Councillor Stephanie Eaton	Councillor Gulam Robbani
Councillor David Edgar	Councillor Rachael Saunders
Councillor Marc Francis	Councillor David Snowdon
Councillor Judith Gardiner	Councillor Gloria Thienel
Councillor Carlo Gibbs	Councillor Bill Turner
Councillor Peter Golds	Councillor Helal Uddin
Councillor Shafiqul Haque	Councillor Kosru Uddin
Councillor Carli Harper-Penman	Councillor Abdal Ullah
Councillor Sirajul Islam	Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman
Councillor Ann Jackson	Councillor Amy Whitelock
Councillor Denise Jones	

**The Speaker of the Council, Councillor Rajib Ahmed, in the Chair**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Lesley Pavitt.

**RESOLVED**

That the apologies for absence be noted.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made.

**3. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED**

That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the business to be transacted contains information defined as Exempt in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**4. APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)**

The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) introduced her report and advised the meeting on the matters that they were required to consider.

Following debate, the Council resolved to note the advice contained in the report and accordingly to consider afresh the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) previously submitted to the Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

The recommendations contained in the report of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were then put to the vote and were **defeated**.

[Note from clerk: The effect of the above decision is that no appointment was made to the post of Chief Executive.]

**5. APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF PAID SERVICE) - FURTHER REPORT**

The Council considered a further report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) in relation to the above matter.

Councillor Peter Golds **MOVED**, and Councillor David Snowdon **SECONDED**, a tabled amendment to the recommendations in the report.

Councillor Joshua Peck **MOVED**, and Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman **SECONDED**, a further tabled amendment to the recommendations in the report.

Councillors Golds and Snowdon then withdrew their tabled amendment.

Following debate, the amendment moved by Councillors Peck and Uz-Zaman was put to the vote and was agreed. The substantive motion as amended

was also put to the vote and was agreed. Accordingly the Council resolved (inter alia):-

- That the appointment of the Chief Executive will be on a fixed term as an employee and invites the HR Committee to consider and to recommend to full council the appropriate end date of the contract.
- That the HR Committee will appoint a new Appointments Sub Committee to conduct the appointment process in accordance with advice of officers. The Appointments sub committee will be proportionate.
- To continue to have a Chief Executive.
- To appoint Stephen Halsey as Head of Paid Service subject to his agreement to undertake the position until 31 October or until such a time as the Chief Executive starts work, whichever is sooner, to work alongside the Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer, and ask the CMT to continue to jointly lead the Council.
- To immediately start the process of recruiting a professional interim to the post of Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service).
- That the Human Resources Committee be instructed to convene an Appointments Sub-Committee to undertake a recruitment process with a view to appointing to the post of Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) on a fixed term basis.

#### **Procedural motion**

Councillor Joshua Peck **MOVED**, and Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman **SECONDED**, a procedural motion that Procedure Rule 13.1 be suspended to allow an urgent motion to be considered on the subject of the process for recruiting a chief executive.

The procedural motion was put to the vote and was **agreed**.

#### **Urgent motion: Process for recruiting a Chief Executive**

Councillor Joshua Peck **MOVED**, and Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman **SECONDED**, an urgent motion on the above matter.

Following debate, the motion was put to the vote and was **agreed**.

The meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.

Speaker of the Council