

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE, 2005

Minutes of a meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the **TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON E14 2BG** on **MONDAY 16TH JUNE, 2005** at **6.05 P.M.**

SECTION ONE

PRESENT

Councillor Ashton McGregor
Councillor Rofique Uddin Ahmed
Councillor James Sanderson
Councillor Marian Williams

OTHER PRESENT:

Graham White - Legal Services
Tim Hogan - Democratic Services
Bennie Baiden - Democratic Services

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Mr Hogan welcomed Members to the inaugural meeting of the General Purposes Committee and sought nominations for the position of Chair. Councillor Rofique Uddin Ahmed nominated Councillor Ashton McGregor and as there were no further nominations, it was:

RESOLVED

That Councillor Ashton McGregor be elected Chair of the General Purposes Committee for the remainder of the current Municipal Year.

COUNCILLOR ASHTON MCGREGOR IN THE CHAIR

2. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

The Chair **MOVED** and it was:

RESOLVED

That consideration of the election of a Vice-Chair of the Committee be deferred to a future meeting.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

4. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Helal Abbas and it was:-

RESOLVED

That the apologies for absence be noted.

5. **REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE 2005–2005** (See report GPC001/056)

The report was briefly introduced by Mr Hogan. Following a series of questions from Members regarding the Committee's Terms of Reference, Mr White agreed to write to Members to clarify the meaning of the second bullet point in paragraph 3.2. It was also noted that consideration was being given to the expansion of the Committee's Terms of Reference to include responsibility for Member Learning and Development and Constitutional issues. It was further noted that the Committee had a 'catch all' Term of Reference, however Members were of the view that it would be helpful if any amendments to the Committee's Terms of Reference were explicitly spelt out. It was explained that any revisions to the Committee's Terms of Reference would need the approval of full Council. The Chair **MOVED** and it was:

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Committee's Membership and Terms of Reference be noted; and

- (ii) That a report on the proposed amendments to the Committee's Terms of Reference be drawn up and submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

5.2 **APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES** (See report GPC002/056)

Following a brief introduction by Mr Hogan, the attached revised schedule of appointments to external bodies was agreed. For those appointments which were contested, where there was an equality of voting the Chair exercised his casting vote and it was:-

RESOLVED

That the revised Schedule of Appointments to External Bodies be agreed, as per the copy attached to these minutes, and where indicated on the Schedule nominations be sought from the Party Groups.

6. **CONSIDERATION OF OTHER SECTION ONE BUSINESS SPECIFIED IN THE SUMMONS TO THE MEETING**

No such business raised.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 6:43 p.m.

Councillor Ashton McGregor
Chair, General Purposes Committee