

Committee <b>General Purposes Committee</b>	Date <b>16<sup>th</sup> June, 2005</b>	Classification <b>Unrestricted</b>	Report No. <b>GPC002/056</b>	Agenda Item No. <b>4.2</b>
Report of: <b>Head of Democratic Renewal and Engagement</b>  Originating Officer(s): <b>Tim Hogan</b>	Title <b>APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES</b> Ward(s) affected: <b>All</b>			

## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Committee is requested to consider nominations to the external bodies received from the political groups on the Council. Attached at Appendix A, is the schedule of appointments to be made, which has been revised to show the appointments made in 2004/2005, those required in 2005/2006, together with officer and organisation details, where appropriate.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That appointments be made to the external bodies as for the Municipal Year 2005/2006 as listed in Appendix A.

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### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2000 (SECTION 97)** **LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

**Brief description of "background paper"**

**Name and telephone number of holder  
and address where open to inspection**

Council Minute Book

Tim Hogan  
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**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL AND ENGAGEMENT**

**16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2005**

**APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1** Following a review of the Constitution, by the cross party Constitution Working Party, a report was submitted to the 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2005 Council meeting, which inter alia, proposed a number of changes to the Council's Constitution.
- 3.2** The changes to the Constitution related to minor textual amendments, clarifications and improvements and additions, including the establishments of a General Services Committee. The review acknowledged the role for a General Purposes Committee which would meet on an ad-hoc basis, so as to ensure a swift determination of non-strategic issues including appointments to external bodies. ( A report elsewhere on to the agenda provides details of the Committee's Terms of Reference, Membership and Quorum details).
- 3.3** The Committee is requested to consider the nominations to the external bodies, listed in Appendix A to this report, which have been received from the Political Groups on the Council.
- 3.4** The Schedule has been revised to show the appointments made in 2004/2005, and those required in 2005/2006 together with officer and organisation contact details, where appropriate.
- 3.5** A small number of nominations are still awaited and there will be reported to the Committee on Thursday.

**4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1** Both Political Groups on the Council have been consulted prior to finalising the Schedule.

**5. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

- 5.1 At this Committee is only expected to meet on an ad-hoc basis it is not anticipated that there will be any significant additional costs as a result of this new Committee. Any additional costs that do arise will be contained within the Democratic Renewal and Engagement budget within the Chief Executive's Directorate.

**6. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

- 6.1 There are no legal comments arising from this report.

**7. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no immediate equal opportunity implications arising from this report.

**8. ANTI POVERTY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 There are no immediate environmental implications arising from this report.

**9. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT**

- 9.1 There are no immediate equal opportunity implications arising from this report.

**10. RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 10.1 The appointment of representatives to external bodies enables the Council to strengthen links with community. The appointment of representatives to external bodies also contributes to the Council's leadership role in the community.

**11. RECOMMENDATION**

- 11.1 That appointments be made to the external bodies for the Municipal Year 2005/2006 as listed in Appendix A.