

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, 2005

Minutes of a meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held at the **TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON E14 2BG** on **WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, 2005** at **6.30 P.M.**

SECTION ONE

PRESENT

Councillor Ashton McGregor (Chair)
Councillor Rofique Uddin Ahmed
Councillor James Sanderson

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Sara Williams	-	Assistant Chief Executive
Suki Binjal	-	Legal Services
Pat Parker	-	Interim Head of Electoral Services
Frank Solarz	-	Head of Governor Services
Tim Hogan	-	Democratic Services

COUNCILLOR ASHTON MCGREGOR - IN THE CHAIR

1. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the General Purposes Committee. At the request of the Chair all present introduced themselves.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Helal Abbas and Marian Williams and it was:-

RESOLVED

That the apologies for absence be noted.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor James Sanderson declared a personal interest in agenda item 4.3. The declaration was made on the basis that he was one of the Authority's representatives on the Board of Tower Hamlets Community Housing.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

The Chair **MOVED** and it was:-

RESOLVED

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

5. MINUTES

The Chair **MOVED** and it was:-

RESOLVED

That the Section One Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 16th June, 2005 be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them accordingly.

6. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

**6.1 APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNORS
(See report GPC083/056)**

The report was introduced by Frank Solarz, Head of Governor Services, Education Directorate. Following questions from Members of the Committee, the Chair **MOVED** and it was:-

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Council be recommended to agree that the Committee's Terms of Reference be amended to include responsibility for the appointment and revocation of appointment, of Local Authority Governors.
- (2) That subject to Council agreeing (1) above, a meeting of the Committee be convened in mid-January, 2006 to consider the appointment of Local Authority Governors.

6.2 POLLING PLACE REVIEW AND THE REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICT BOUNDARY IN MILLWALL WARD
(See report GPC004/056)

The report was introduced by Pat Parker, Interim Head of Electoral Services. Ms. Parker responded to a series of detailed questions put by Members of the Committee. The Chair **MOVED** and it was:-

RESOLVED

- (i) That the proposal for the re-alignment of the polling district in Millwall Ward as detailed in the report, be endorsed and the Council be recommended accordingly.
- (ii) That a further report dealing with polling places to be used in the 2006 Borough Elections to be submitted to the Committee in February, 2006.

6.3 APPOINTMENT TO EXTERNAL BODIES
(See report GPC005/056)

The Chair **MOVED** and it was:-

RESOLVED

- (i) That the resignation of Councillors Lutfur Rahman and Akikur Rahman from membership of the Board of Tower Hamlets Community Housing (THCH), be noted.
- (ii) That the Lead Member for Environment be appointed until May, 2006 to membership of the Borough Policing Forum.
- (iii) That Councillor Abdus Shukur, Deputy Leader of the Council, be appointed as the Council's representative on the Greater London Employment Forum, with Councillor Michael Keith, Leader of the Council, be appointed as first named deputy.

7. THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Chair referred to the discussions held at the inaugural meeting of the Committee in relation to the possible expansion of the Committee's Terms of Reference. Ms. Williams, Assistant Chief Executive advised that initial discussions had been held with the Deputy Leader. A possible way forward would be for the Chair and the Deputy Leader to meet to discuss outstanding issues. Mr Hogan agreed to progress a meeting.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 6:55 p.m.

Councillor Ashton McGregor
Chair, General Purposes Committee