



# General Purposes Committee

## Agenda

**Tuesday, 12 December 2023 at 6.30 p.m.  
Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall,  
160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ**

### **Members:**

**Chair:** Councillor Shafi Ahmed

**Vice Chair:** Councillor Abu Chowdhury

Councillor Saied Ahmed, Councillor Kabir Ahmed, Councillor Sabina Akhtar, Councillor Asma Begum, Councillor James King, Councillor Rebaka Sultana and Councillor Maium Talukdar

**Substitutes:** Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury, Councillor Mohammad Chowdhury, Councillor Marc Francis, Councillor Sirajul Islam, Councillor Abdul Wahid and Councillor Abdul Malik

[The quorum for this body is 3 voting Members]

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## **A Guide to General Purposes Committee**

This Committee is responsible for a range of non executive functions, including electoral matters, personnel issues and appeals. It also has responsibility for considering and making recommendations to Full Council on the introduction, amendment or revocation of new byelaws and can consider and make non-material changes to the Council's Constitution.

The Committee is made up of nine Members of the Council as appointed by Full Council. Political balance rules apply to the Committee. Each political group may also appoint up to three substitutes. The quorum is three Members of the Committee.

The full terms of reference for the committee is set out in the - Council Constitution

### **Public Engagement**

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### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (PAGES 7 - 8)

Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest in the Code of Conduct for Members to determine whether they have an interest in any agenda item and any action they should take. For further details, please see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

Members are reminded to declare the nature of the interest and the agenda item it relates to. Please note that ultimately it's the Members' responsibility to declare any interests and to update their register of interest form as required by the Code.

If in doubt as to the nature of your interest, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services

#### 2. MINUTES (PAGES 9 - 12)

To agree the unrestricted minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 28 September 2023.

#### 3. WORK PLAN (PAGES 13 - 18)

To review the Committee's work plan for the current municipal year.

#### 4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

##### 4.1 LA Governor Appointment Report December 2023 (To Follow)

##### 4.2 Guidance for Members and Officers on Outside Organisations (To Follow)

##### 4.3 Review of polling places (To Follow)

#### 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT



## 6. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

In view of the contents of the remaining items on the agenda the Committee is recommended to adopt the following motion:

“That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contains information defined as Exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.”

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### Next Meeting of the General Purposes Committee

Tuesday, 27 February 2024 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

