

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

**HELD AT 6.31 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 19 JULY 2023**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - TOWN HALL, WHITECHAPEL**

**Members Present:**

Mayor Lutfur Rahman (Member)	Councillor Kabir Hussain (Member)
Councillor Faroque Ahmed (Member)	Councillor Kamrul Hussain (Member)
Councillor Kabir Ahmed (Member)	Councillor Asma Islam (Member)
Councillor Leelu Ahmed (Member)	Councillor Sirajul Islam (Member)
Councillor Musthak Ahmed (Member)	Councillor Ahmodul Kabir (Member)
Councillor Saied Ahmed (Member)	Councillor Saif Uddin Khaled (Member)
Councillor Shafi Ahmed (Member)	Councillor Ahmodur Khan (Member)
Councillor Suluk Ahmed (Member)	Councillor Sabina Khan (Member)
Councillor Sabina Akhtar (Member)	Councillor James King (Member)
Councillor Amina Ali (Member)	Councillor Amy Lee (Member)
Councillor Asma Begum (Member)	Councillor Abdul Malik (Member)
Councillor Maisha Begum (Member)	Councillor Abdul Mannan (Member)
Councillor Nathalie Bienfait (Member)	Councillor Ana Miah (Member)
Councillor Bodrul Choudhury (Member)	Councillor Ayas Miah (Member)
Councillor Gulam Kibria Choudhury (Member)	Councillor Harun Miah (Member)
Councillor Jahed Choudhury (Member)	Councillor Amin Rahman (Member)
Councillor Abu Chowdhury (Member)	Councillor Rebaka Sultana (Member)
Councillor Mohammad Chowdhury (Member)	Councillor Maium Talukdar (Member)
Councillor Marc Francis (Member)	Councillor Bellal Uddin (Member)
Councillor Peter Golds (Member)	Councillor Abdal Ullah (Member)
Councillor Iqbal Hossain (Member)	Councillor Abdul Wahid (Member)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of:

- Councillor Ohid Ahmed
- Councillor Rachel Blake
- Councillor Mufeedah Bustin
- Councillor Shubo Hussain

**2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that Members only needed to declare close personal connections with the candidates and not any professional relations.

### 3. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Speaker **MOVED** and Councillor Talukdar **seconded** the motion to exclude the press and public for the remaining part of the meeting.

Council

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. In view of the contents of the remaining items on the agenda to agree: "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."

### 4. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Council considered the report of the Director of Workforce, OH and Business Support proposing the appointment of a permanent Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service. Following debate, the Council agreed to the recommendation to appoint Stephen (Steve) Halsey as the Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service and it was:

#### **RESOLVED**

1. To confirm the appointment of Stephen (Steve) Halsey as Chief Executive of the Authority and Head of Paid Service on a permanent basis, with the job description for the post as attached at Appendix A to the report.

### 5. APPOINTMENT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES

Council considered the report of the Interim Corporate Director, Resources proposing the appointment of a permanent Corporate Director, Resources and Section 151/Chief Finance Officer.

Following discussion, Council agreed to appoint Julie Lorraine as the permanent Corporate Director, Resources and Section 151/Chief Finance Officer and it was:

#### **RESOLVED**

1. To confirm the appointment of Julie Lorraine as Corporate Director, Resources of the Authority and Section 151 Officer/Chief Finance Officer on a permanent basis, with the job description for the post as attached at Appendix A of the report.

The meeting ended at 6.54 p.m.

Speaker of the Council