



ANNUAL MEETING OF TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL

Wednesday, 24 May 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

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**VENUE
Council Chamber, 1st Floor,
Town Hall, Mulberry Place,
5 Clove Crescent,
London E14 2BG**

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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

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Dear Member,

You are summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of the Council of the London Borough of the Tower Hamlets to be held in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG** on **WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY 2006** at 7.30 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Gilbert
Chief Executive

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

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1. **TO ELECT A MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN 2007**

(Note: Section 8 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act, 1972 provides that the election of Mayor shall be the first item of business transacted at the Annual Meeting of the Council and that in the case of an equality of votes, the person presiding at the meeting shall give a casting vote to any other s/he may have.)

2. **TO ELECT A DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN 2007**

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

4. **TO NOTE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To note any declarations of interest made by Members, including those restricting Members from voting on the questions detailed in Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992.

Note from the Chief Executive

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, Members must declare any **personal interests** they have in any item on the agenda or as they arise during the course of the meeting. Members must orally indicate to which item their interest relates. If a Member has a personal interest he/she must also consider whether or not that interest is a **prejudicial personal interest** and take the necessary action. When considering whether or not they have a declarable interest, Members should consult pages 181 to 184 of the Council's Constitution. .

A **personal interest** is, generally, one that would affect a Member (either directly or through a connection with a relevant person or organisation) more than other people in London, in respect of the item of business under consideration at the meeting. If a member of the public, knowing all the relevant facts, would view a Member's personal interest in the item under consideration as so substantial that it would appear likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest, then the Member has a **prejudicial personal interest**.

Consequences:

- If a Member has a **personal interest**: he/she must declare the interest but can stay, speak and vote.
- If the Member has **prejudicial personal interest**: he/she must declare the interest, cannot speak or vote on the item and must leave the room.

When declaring an interest, Members are requested to specify the nature of the interest, the particular agenda item to which the interest relates and to also specify whether the interest is of a personal or personal and prejudicial nature. This procedure is designed to assist the public's understanding of the meeting and is also designed to enable a full entry to be made in the Statutory Register of Interests which is kept by the Interim Head of Democratic Renewal and Engagement on behalf of the Monitoring Officer.

5. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, 1st March, 2006 (Copy attached)

6. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

7. TO ELECT THE LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

8. TO CONSIDER THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED TO THE CABINET AND TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE CABINET - TO FOLLOW

9. REVIEW OF PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES/PANELS OF THE COUNCIL - TO FOLLOW

(Note: Part 4 of the Authority's Constitution provides for the Council annually to appoint Committees/Panels as may from time to time be determined and also provides for the Council to appoint up to 3 deputies for each elected Member)

10. APPOINTMENT OF POLITICAL ASSISTANTS

11. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASSOCIATION OF LONDON GOVERNMENT - TO FOLLOW