

Meeting of the

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 15 November 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

VENUE

Committee Room, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove
Crescent, London, E14 2BG

Members:	Deputies (if any):
Chair: Councillor Marc Francis Vice-Chair: Councillor Clair Hawkins	
Councillor M. Shahid Ali Councillor Peter Golds Councillor Rajib Ahmed Councillor Fozol Miah Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman Councillor Simon Rouse	Councillor Philip Briscoe, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor Peter Golds) Councillor Stephanie Eaton, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor Rajib Ahmed) Councillor Shafiqul Haque, (Designated Deputy representing Councillors Marc Francis, M. Shahid Ali, Clair Hawkins and Motin Uz Zaman) Councillor Waiseul Islam, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor Fozol Miah)

[Note: The quorum for this body is 3 Members].

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. 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. Please note that all Members present at a Committee meeting (in whatever capacity) are required to declare any personal or prejudicial interests.

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 Head of Democratic Renewal and Engagement on behalf of the Monitoring Officer.

3. SECTION ONE MINUTES - 14TH JUNE 2006

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To approve as a correct record the Section One minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14th June , 2006 (**Copy attached**)

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

4 .1 APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES

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All Wards

This report is concerned with appointments to external bodies. An updated schedule of proposed appointments will be tabled at the meeting.

4 .2 ELECTIONS UPDATE

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All Wards

The report was introduced by Ms Isabella Freeman, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) . The report provided an update on polling station reviews and other legislation relating to the conduct of elections. Ms Freeman tabled a breakdown of electoral wards in the borough and a table showing the provisions of the First Commencement Order for the Electoral Administration Act 2006.

Members went to recount their experience of the recent Borough elections. Ms Freeman detailed the steps were available to tackle electoral fraud and contrasted them with the new legislative provisions.

5. FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES/PANELS - ORAL REPORT

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All Wards

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair **MOVED** and it was

RESOLVED

That the Committee's February, 2007 meeting be due to the prior commitments of members be re-scheduled from the 14th to 13th February, 2007.

The Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and attendance and closed the meeting at 8.34 p.m.