

Meeting of the

# GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, 25 April 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

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### 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 Rajib Ahmed Councillor M. Shahid Ali Councillor Peter Golds Councillor Clair Hawkins Councillor Fozol Miah Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman	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

## GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 25 April 2007

7.30 p.m.

### 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. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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## **LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

### **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2007**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3.1**

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERBAL BODIES**

#### **REPORT OF SERVICE HEAD DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL AND ENGAGEMENT**

(i) **LONDON CITY AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (LCACC)**

At the previous meeting of the Committee in February 2007 the Committee received two nominations for appointment as the Tower Hamlets representative to the LCACC. The two nominations received were Councillor Bill Turner and Mr Eric Pemberton. The Committee agreed to delay an appointment to the LCACC until this meeting in order to seek confirmation of the eligibility of Mr Pemberton to represent Tower Hamlets.

Subsequent advice from the airport has stated that whilst Tower Hamlets may appoint Mr Pemberton, due to the likelihood of substantial development occurring at the airport in the near future they feel that an officer or Member of the Council will be best able to represent the whole of the Borough across a variety of topics. Similarly, given the forthcoming level of activity they feel that the establishment of a direct channel of communication (i.e. through an officer or Member) with the Council would be preferable and more easily facilitate the dissemination of information from LCACC meetings.

(ii) **ALDGATE AND ALLHALLOWS BARKING EXHIBITION  
FOUNDATION**

In June 2006 the Committee appointed Councillor Helal U Abbas to this body for a three year period terminating June 2009. In the event advice was received from the Foundation that because Councillor Abbas was appointed to replace Councillor Salique he could only serve for the remainder of Councillor Salique's term of office (until March 2007).

This initial term now having expired, the Foundation is seeking a nomination from Tower Hamlets to cover the period March 2007 – March 2010. Therefore the Committee is invited to confirm Councillor Abbas' appointment for that period.

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# Agenda Item 3.2

<b>Committee:</b> General Purposes Committee	<b>Date:</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2007	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>Agenda Item No:</b>
<b>Report of Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)</b>		<b>Title:</b> Review of Polling Places and Districts		
<b>Originating Officer:</b> Tim Revell Interim Electoral Services Manager		<b>Ward(s) Affected:</b> All		

## Summary

1. This report sets out the Returning Officer's representations on the review of polling districts and polling places and the further steps which must be taken to complete this process.

## Recommendations

2. That the Committee;
  - (1) agree that formal notice of holding the review be published;
  - (2) note the preliminary representations from the Returning Officer and authorise the Interim Electoral Services Manager to finalise and publish them within thirty calendar days of this meeting;
  - (3) note any issues raised by elected members for consideration during the review process;
  - (4) authorise the Interim Electoral Services Manager on behalf of the Returning Officer to seek representations from persons who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises and facilities for persons who have different forms of disability; and
  - (5) authorise the Interim Electoral Services Manager on behalf of the Returning Officer seek representations from individual electors, ward councillors, local constituency political parties and independent candidates.

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### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (SECTION 97)

#### LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Brief description of "background papers"	Tick if copy supplied for register	If not supplied, name and telephone number of holder
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None

## Background

3. In the report to the previous meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2007, members were advised that the review of polling places must be completed by the end of 2007 under the new legislation (section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006). This report initiates the formal part of the process whereby the Returning Officer makes representations to the Council about polling districts and polling places. Within thirty days these representations must be formally published. The Council is then required to seek representations from “persons with particular expertise” regarding access for the different forms of disability and from electors who wish to make representations. The Council then decides what the outcome will be and gives its reasons.
4. In April 2006 the Head of Facilities reviewed all polling stations for disabled access prior to the election and temporary ramps etc were provided for those polling places that required it. This would always be the case but there may be other reasons why a disabled group consider changes should be made.
5. The Returning Officer wrote to all members on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2007 seeking views on the review and feedback from the polling station officers in the May 2006 elections. At the date of this report no comments have been received. Members are reminded that whilst it is acknowledged that many schools do not wish to have polling stations within their boundary or school building it is often not possible to find alternative locations for schools currently used.

## Definitions

6. To ensure clarity in discussing issues arising from the review the following definitions are used:

**polling district;** a geographical sub-division of an electoral area ie a UK parliamentary constituency, a European parliamentary electoral region, a ward or an electoral division.

**polling place;** a geographical area in which a polling station is located. however, as there is no legal definition of what a polling place is, the geographical area could be defined as tightly as a particular building or as widely as the entire polling district.

**polling station;** the actual area where the process of voting takes place, and must be located within the polling place designated for the particular polling district.

## Returning Officer’s representations

6. Once the review has been initiated the authority is required to consult the Returning Officer who must make representations to the authority. These representations are:
  - (a) generally there should no more than 1,500 electors allocated to a



polling station subject to the practicability of providing an additional polling station;

- (b) the polling place at a portacabin adjacent to Winford House (BE1) should be relocated if practicable (Bow East);
- (c) a new polling district BE5 to vote at either Bow Community Hall or Bow Secondary School (Bow East);
- (d) a new polling station for district BW4 to vote at Malmesbury Primary School, if practicable (Bethnal Green West);
- (e) a new polling station for district BBB2 to vote at Clara Grant Primary School, (Bromley by Bow);
- (f) a new polling station for district EIL1 to vote at St Saviour's Primary School, (East India & Lansbury);
- (g) a new polling station for district MGT2 to vote at The Tramshed, Digby Street (Mile End & Globe Town);
- (h) polling district MEE1 to vote at the Adult Services Resource Centre, Southern Grove, if practicable (to replace Council Offices, 60 Southern Grove which will no longer be available) (Mile End East);
- (i) a new polling station for district MI1 to vote at Seven Mills Primary School, Malabar Street, if practicable (Millwall);
- (j) a new polling station for district SH2 to vote at St Mary & St Michael Primary School, Sutton Street, if practicable (Shadwell);
- (k) a new polling station for district SH4 to vote at or near Royal Foundation of St Katherine (possibly additional Portacabin) (Shadwell);
- (l) a new polling district SDS4 to reduce pressure on Cayley Primary School, Aston Street, which cannot accommodate an additional polling station (St Dunstan's & Stepney Green);
- (m) a new polling station for district SDS3 to vote at Sir John Cass Foundation & Redcoat Secondary School, if practicable (St Dunstan's & Stepney Green);
- (n) a new polling station for district SK4 to vote at Hermitage Primary School, Vaughan Way, if practicable (St Katherine's & Wapping);
- (n) a new polling district WE4 to reduce pressure on William Davis Primary School, Wood Close, which cannot accommodate an additional polling station (Weavers);
- (o) a new polling station for district WH1 to vote at Kobi Nazrul primary

School, if practicable (Whitechapel);

- (p) a new polling station for polling district WH2 (to replace Cheviot House which may no longer be available) (Whitechapel);
  - (q) polling district WH3 to be split by the creation of a new polling district WH5 to vote at new polling places at Smithy Street Primary School and Redlands Primary School respectively, if practicable, (to replace Stepney Library which has closed) (Whitechapel).
7. A complete schedule of existing and proposed polling districts and polling places with commentary as appropriate is attached as appendix A.

### **Other representations**

8. The authority is required to seek representations from such persons as it thinks have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability. Such persons must have an opportunity to make representations and to comment on the returning officer's representations. A list of potential consultees has been identified in liaison with the Corporate Equalities Team and is attached at appendix B.
9. Any elector may make representations on the designations of polling places to the relevant authority. The formal notice to be published after this meeting will invite such representations and the review will also be publicised on the website and in East End Life. Although not required by the legislation it is recognised as good practice to consult widely amongst the key stakeholders in the electoral process. It is therefore also intended to invite further representations from ward councillors and to consult local constituency political parties and independent candidates who contested the last borough council elections.

### **Process**

10. Following this meeting formal notice of the commencement of the review will be published at the Town Hall, at other venues where official council notices are published, on the website and in East End Life. Within thirty days of the meeting the Returning Officer's representations (paragraph 6) must also be published. It is proposed that the period for consultation and receipt of representations should extend until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2007 after which final proposals will be drawn up for consideration by this Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> November. This Committee's recommendations will then be considered by the Council meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November. The polling districts and polling places will then be formally designated.

### **Comments of Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)**

11. It is a legal requirement to carry out the review of polling places this year before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 and thereafter every four years in accordance with the requirements of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (see appendix C).

### **Comments of Chief Financial Officer**

12. The costs of the review will be met from within budget.

### **Equal Opportunities Implications**

13. It is essential that disabilities issues are taken into account in election matters particularly in the polling station review.

### **Anti Poverty Implications**

14. There are no implications in this report.

### **Sustainable Action for a Greener Environment**

15. Within the constraints of the suitability and availability of the accommodation, polling places are located so as to minimise the distance electors need to travel to cast their vote.

### **Appendices**

- A Returning Officer's representations
- B Consultees on disabilities issues
- C Schedule A1 of the Representation of the People Act 1983

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Polling Station Number	District(s)	Ward	Elector Count	Polling Place	Comments
TH66	BBB1	Bromley-By-Bow	1139	Old Palace Primary School, St Leonards Street	
TH67	BBB1	Bromley-By-Bow	1150	Old Palace Primary School, St Leonards Street	
TH68	BBB1	Bromley-By-Bow	978	Old Palace Primary School, St Leonards Street	
TH69	BBB2	Bromley-By-Bow	1601	Clara Grant Primary School, Knapp Road Entrance	) additional polling station
TH70	BBB2	Bromley-By-Bow	1623	Clara Grant Primary School, Knapp Road Entrance	)
TH71	BBB3	Bromley-By-Bow	1139	Mamer Primary School, Devas Street	
TH72	BCT1	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	1845	Lic CENTRE 316 Poplar High St, Ditchburn St Entrance	
TH73	BCT1	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	1234	Lic CENTRE 316 Poplar High St, Ditchburn St Entrance	
TH74	BCT2	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	984	The Gallery Jack Dash House, 2 Lawn House Close	
TH75	BCT2	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	994	The Gallery Jack Dash House, 2 Lawn House Close	
TH76	BCT3	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	1436	Cubitt Town Infants School, Manchester Road	
TH77	BCT3	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	1397	Cubitt Town Infants School, Manchester Road	
TH78	BCT4	Blackwall & Cubitt Town	1530	St.Luke s C.E. Primary School, Saunders Ness Road	
TH1	BE1	Bow East	2091	Portacabin Adjacent To, Winford House ,	investigate relocation of Portacabin
TH2	BE2	Bow East	1141	Old Peoples` Club, 41 Wrights Road	
TH3	BE2	Bow East	1098	Old Peoples` Club, 41 Wrights Road	
TH4	BE3	Bow East	1655	Bow Community Hall, William Place	) new polling district to vote at either of
TH5	BE4	Bow East	1734	Bow Sec. School (Paton Close), Bow Road Entrance	) these venues
TH6	BGN1	Bethnal Green North	1076	Pritchards Rd Day Centre, Pritchards Rd Marion Place	
TH7	BGN2	Bethnal Green North	1455	St.Elizabeth`s R.C.Primary Sch, Bonner Road	
TH8	BGN2	Bethnal Green North	1458	St.Elizabeth`s R.C.Primary Sch, Bonner Road	
TH9	BGN3	Bethnal Green North	904	Lawdale Primary School, Mansford Street	
TH10	BGN3	Bethnal Green North	882	Lawdale Primary School, Mansford Street	
TH11	BGN4	Bethnal Green North	1206	Oaklands Secondary School, Old Bethnal Green Rd	
TH12	BGN4	Bethnal Green North	1240	Oaklands Secondary School, Old Bethnal Green Rd	
TH13	BGS1	Bethnal Green South	1351	Hague Primary School, Wilmot Street	
TH14	BGS2	Bethnal Green South	1399	John Scurr Primary School, Cephas Street	
TH15	BGS2	Bethnal Green South	1449	John Scurr Primary School, Cephas Street	
TH16	BGS2	Bethnal Green South	1256	John Scurr Primary School, Cephas Street	
TH17	BGS3	Bethnal Green South	1179	Stewart Headlam Primary School, Tapp Street	
TH18	BGS3	Bethnal Green South	870	Stewart Headlam Primary School, Tapp Street	
TH19	BGS4	Bethnal Green South	1157	Whitechapel Sports Centre, Durward Street	
TH20	BW1	Bow West	1345	Chisenhale Primary School, Chisenhale Road	
TH21	BW1	Bow West	1321	Chisenhale Primary School, Chisenhale Road	

TH22	BW2	Bow West	1189	Olga Primary School, Lanfranc Road	
TH23	BW2	Bow West	1128	Olga Primary School, Lanfranc Road	
TH24	BW3	Bow West	1132	Central Foundation Sec. School, College Terrace	
TH25	BW4	Bow West	1684	Malmesbury Primary School, Coborn Street	additional polling station if practicable
TH79	EIL1	East India & Lansbury	1952	St.Saviour's Primary School, Crisp Street	additional polling station, space available
TH80	EIL2	East India & Lansbury	1120	Bygrove Primary School, Bygrove Street	
TH81	EIL3	East India & Lansbury	1502	Brownfield Senior Citizens Club, 96 Burcham Street	
TH82	EIL4	East India & Lansbury	1050	Culloden Primary School, Dee Street	
TH83	EIL4	East India & Lansbury	966	Culloden Primary School, Dee Street	
TH84	EIL5	East India & Lansbury	1569	Teviot Centre, Wyvis Street	
TH85	L11	Limehouse	1466	Stepney Greencoat Primary Sch., Norbiton Road	
TH86	L12	Limehouse	1580	Hind Grove Community Centre, 18 Stainsby Road	
TH87	L12	Limehouse	1380	Hind Grove Community Centre, 18 Stainsby Road	
TH88	L13	Limehouse	861	Holy Family School, Wades Place	
TH89	L13	Limehouse	803	Holy Family School, Wades Place	
TH90	L14	Limehouse	1474	Cyril Jackson Primary School, 51 Three Colts Street	
TH91	L14	Limehouse	1394	Cyril Jackson Primary School, 51 Three Colts Street	
TH92	MEE1	Mile End East	1528	Council Offices, 60 Southern Grove	no longer available; use Adult Services Resource Centre?
TH93	MEE2	Mile End East	1068	Wellington Primary School, Wellington Way	
TH94	MEE2	Mile End East	1019	Wellington Primary School, Wellington Way	
TH95	MEE3	Mile End East	928	St.Pauls with St.Lukes School, Leopold Street	
TH96	MEE3	Mile End East	781	St.Pauls with St.Lukes School, Leopold Street	
TH97	MEE4	Mile End East	1000	Stebon Primary School, Burdett Estate	
TH98	MEE4	Mile End East	988	Stebon Primary School, Wallwood St, Burdett Estate	
TH26	MG1	Mile End & Globetown	1345	Bonner Primary School, Hartley Street	
TH27	MG1	Mile End & Globetown	1305	Bonner Primary School, Hartley Street	
TH29	MG2	Mile End & Globetown	1557	The Tramshed, Digby Street	additional polling station; space available
TH30	MG3	Mile End & Globetown	1262	Harpley Secondary School, Globe Road	
TH31	MG3	Mile End & Globetown	1274	Harpley Secondary School, Globe Road	
TH32	MG4	Mile End & Globetown	967	Latimer Congregational Hall, Ernest Street	
TH32	MG4	Mile End & Globetown	929	Latimer Congregational Hall, Ernest Street	
TH99	MI1	Milwall	2414	Seven Mills Primary School, Malabar Street	) additional polling station if practicable
TH100	MI1	Milwall	2173	Seven Mills Primary School, Malabar Street	)
TH101	MI2	Milwall	1126	St.Edmund's RC Primary School, 297 Westferry Road	
TH102	MI2	Milwall	1211	St.Edmund's RC Primary School, 297 Westferry Road	
TH103	MI2	Milwall	952	St.Edmund's RC Primary School, 297 Westferry Road	
TH104	MI3	Milwall	1390	Harbinger Primary School, Cahir Street	

TH105	MI3	Millwall	1250	Harbinger Primary School, Cahir Street					
TH33	SDS1	St Dunstan's & Stepney Gm	1114	Stepney Green Secondary School, Ben Jonson Road					
TH34	SDS1	St Dunstan's & Stepney Gm	1038	Stepney Green Secondary School, Ben Jonson Road					
TH35	SDS2	St Dunstan's & Stepney Gm	1920	Cayley Primary School, Aston Street					
TH36	SDS2	St Dunstan's & Stepney Gm	1844	Cayley Primary School, Aston Street					additional polling district SDS4 as Cayley Primary cannot accommodate extra station ) additional polling station, if practicable )
TH37	SDS3	St Dunstan's & Stepney Gm	1884	Sir John Cass Foundation & Redcoat Secondary School					
TH38	SDS3	St Dunstan's & Stepney Gm	1667	Sir John Cass Foundation & Redcoat Secondary School					
TH39	SH1B	Shadwell	919	Bigland Green Primary School, Bigland Street					
TH40	SH1B	Shadwell	884	Bigland Green Primary School, Bigland Street					
TH41	SH1P	Shadwell	1469	Bigland Green Primary School, Bigland Street					
TH106	SH2	Shadwell	1741	St.Mary & St.Michael Primary School, Sutton Street					additional polling station if practicable
TH107	SH3	Shadwell	1515	Glamis Tenants Hall, 414 Cable Street					
TH108	SH4	Shadwell	1679	Portacabin, Royal Foundation of St Katharine's, private access road					investigate alternative sites
TH42	SK1	St Katharine's & Wapping	1065	St.Paul's Primary School, Wellclose Square					
TH43	SK1	St Katharine's & Wapping	906	St.Paul's Primary School, Wellclose Square					
TH44	SK2B	St Katharine's & Wapping	1314	St.Peter's Primary School, Garnet Street					
TH45	SK2P	St Katharine's & Wapping	805	St Peter's Primary School, Garnet Street					
TH46	SK3	St Katharine's & Wapping	1275	John Orwell Sports Centre, Tench Street					
TH47	SK3	St Katharine's & Wapping	1327	John Orwell Sports Centre, Tench Street					
TH48	SK4	St Katharine's & Wapping	1551	Hermitage Primary School, Vaughan Way					additional polling station if practicable
TH49	SPB1	Spitalfields & Banglatown	884	Christ Church Primary School, 47A Brick Lane					
TH50	SPB1	Spitalfields & Banglatown	829	Christ Church Primary School, 47A Brick Lane					
TH51	SPB2	Spitalfields & Banglatown	1283	Osmani Primary School, Vallance Road					
TH52	SPB2	Spitalfields & Banglatown	848	Osmani Primary School, Vallance Road					
TH53	SPB3	Spitalfields & Banglatown	1171	Canon Barnett Primary School, Gunthorpe Street					
TH54	SPB3	Spitalfields & Banglatown	1123	Canon Barnett Primary School, Gunthorpe Street					
TH55	WE1	Weavers	1146	Columbia Primary School, Columbia Road					
TH56	WE1	Weavers	1093	Columbia Primary School, Columbia Road					
TH57	WE2	Weavers	1163	Virginia Primary School, Hocker Street Entrance					
TH58	WE2	Weavers	1091	Virginia Primary School, Hocker Street Entrance					
TH59	WE3	Weavers	1657	William Davis Primary School, Wood Close					new polling district WE4 as William Davis Primary cannot accommodate extra station
TH60	WE3	Weavers	1523	William Davis Primary School, Wood Close					additional polling station if practicable
TH61	WH1	Whitechapel	1547	Kobi Nazrul Primary School, Settles Street					new polling station as Cheviot House may no longer be available
TH62	WH2	Whitechapel	1570	Cheviot Hse 227 Commercial Rd, Philpot St Entrance					split WH3 by creation of new polling district
TH63	WH3	Whitechapel	2519	Stepney Library, Sidney Street Estate					

WH5 to vote at Smithy Street Primary & Redlands Primary respectively, if practicable. Stepney Library has closed.

TH64	WH4	Whitechapel	1423	Harry Gosling Primary School, Fairclough Street
TH65	WH4	Whitechapel	1324	Harry Gosling Primary School, Fairclough Street







Who:	Aims:	Who they work with:	Location:
<p>1. Tower Hamlets Coalition of Disabled People</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create and sustain an organisation which is welcoming and inclusive to all Disabled People.</li> <li>2. Support the development of a strong and inclusive community of Disabled People.</li> <li>3. Promote, and work within, the Social Model of Disability and Principles of Independent Living.</li> <li>4. Provide a means for Disabled People to make their views known to service providers, planners and legislators.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disabled people to access direct payments.</li> </ol>	<p>Tower Hamlets Coalition Of Disabled People Mile End Hospital Bancroft Road London E1 4DG</p>

<p>Disability Information Training Opportunity</p>	<p>1. project offering Information services, informal IT learning and Ideas about work for disabled people in Tower Hamlets. <i>dito</i> is a community project made of and for and by disabled people in Tower Hamlets</p>	<p>1.</p>	<p>Resource Centre 40-50 Southern Grove London E3 4PX  Contact Stephen Hodgkins on 020 7364 6564, fax 020 8981 7162 or textphone 020 7364 6986 or e-mail: info@ditoth.org</p>
<p>2. Disability Advocacy Network - support/advocacy</p>	<p>2. To provide clear and direct advocacy and support to disabled people living or working in Tower Hamlets only.</p>	<p>2. People with physical and sensory disabilities or learning difficulties.</p>	<p>40-50 Southern Grove Mile End London E3 4PX</p>

<p>3. DeafPlus</p>			
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To work with people who are deaf, focusing on the person first, rather than their level of deafness and to enable a better quality of life to be fulfilled.</li> <li>2. To promote and maintain positive and inclusive role models between deaf and hearing people within DeafPlus.</li> <li>3. To train and support deaf and hearing people outside DeafPlus in achieving equal status and recognition.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Registered charity and company limited by guarantee working to encourage integration and equality between deaf and hearing people in all areas of life.</li> </ol>	<p>First Floor, Trinity Centre, Key Close, Whitechapel, London E1 4HG</p>

<p>5. Tower Project – primarily for learning disabilities</p>	<p>1. Change is important, we all need change but we need to be able to make choices.</p> <p>2. Right to make decisions, to learn about the world and lead independent lives.</p> <p>3. Respect each other.</p>	<p>1. Learning disabled, physically disabled, Autistic, Deaf/hearing impaired, Blind/Visually impaired, Deaf/Blind.</p>	<p>Tower Project 45-55 Whitehorse Road London E1 0ND</p>
<p>6. Dekhtay Chai (group for Bangladeshi visually impaired people)</p>	<p>1. Social group for people from BME communities with visual impairment.</p>	<p>1. Bangladeshi visually impaired people.</p>	<p>Disability Resource Centre 40-50 Southern Grove London</p>

<p>7. Deaf Children Society (Tower Hamlets)</p>	<p>1. To help deaf children enhance their skills and abilities.</p>	<p>1. Any family with a child who is deaf or who has impaired hearing.</p>	<p>E3 4PX Tower Hamlets Deaf children's society 85 Harford Street London E1 4PY</p>
<p>9. Deaf Works</p>	<p>1. Deliver high quality and pioneering courses, projects, advice and workshops in Deaf Awareness, Deaf-hearing integration, Deaf management and assertiveness skills, Communication skills and British Sign Language to individuals and organisations in the commercial, voluntary, arts and statutory sectors.</p> <p>2. Employing a varied team of Deaf freelance</p>	<p>Organisations such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arts &amp; Museums.</li> <li>2. Charities.</li> <li>3. Commercial organisations.</li> <li>4. Government Departments &amp; Agencies.</li> <li>5. Housing Associations.</li> <li>6. Local</li> </ol>	<p>Deafworks 59 Banner Street Clerkenwell London EC1Y 8PX</p>

	writers, researchers, artists, designers, consultants, tutors and project workers.	Government. 7. Media. 8. National Health Service. 9. Schools. 10. Solicitors. 11. Training organisations. 12. Universities and Colleges.	
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<p>10. MIND Tower Hamlets</p>	<p>1. Improve the mental health needs of the local community through provision of services, raising awareness, campaigns and promotion of a range of services through creative partnerships.</p> <p>1. Provides informal social education for young people with disabilities and support to empower them to take control of their lives.</p>	<p>1. Communities which face high levels of unemployment, poor and overcrowded housing and low incomes.</p>	<p>Mind In Tower Hamlets (MITH) 13 Whitethorn Street London E3 4DA</p>
<p>1. Surjamuki</p>		<p>1. Young people with disabilities.</p>	<p>Lourdes Colclough Volunteer coordinator St Hilda's East Community Centre 18 Club Row London E2 7EY</p>
<p>13. Afasic</p>	<p>1. Helping children and young people to access services at every opportunity.</p> <p>2. To raise awareness of</p>	<p>1. Children with speech and language and communication impairments.</p>	<p>Afasic 2nd Floor 50-52 Great Sutton Street London EC1V 0DJ</p>

<p>13. Kith and Kids (learning disability)</p>	<p>the needs of our children by offering training opportunities and bilingual literature.</p> <p>1. To empower families living with disability to overcome their social isolation and access the services they need.</p>	<p>1. Families living with disability.</p>	<p>Kith &amp; Kids, The Irish Centre, Pretoria Road, London N17 8DX</p>
<p>14. Stephen Hawking School Trust</p>	<p>1. To provide a welcoming and accessible environment.</p> <p>2. To offer a broad and balanced and, when necessary, highly specialised curriculum.</p> <p>3. To raise the standard of pupil achievement.</p>	<p>1. Children between the ages of two and eleven years with severe or profound learning difficulties.</p>	<p>The Committee of Stephen Hawking School Trust, Brunton Place, London, E14 7LL</p>
<p>15. APASENTH (Asian Parents' Association for Special Educational Needs in Tower Hamlets)</p>	<p>1. Improve the quality of life of, and to empower, the families and young disabled adults -</p>	<p>1. London Borough of Tower Hamlets and</p>	<p>Apasenth The Brady Centre 192-196 Hanbury Street</p>

	<p>especially in terms of health and education.</p> <p>2. Provide information, advice, advocacy, counselling and other services to Asian parents and carers, and in particular to Bangladeshi children and young people with learning disabilities.</p>	<p>other supporting staff</p>	<p>London E1 5HU</p>
<p>16. Café Reconnect (club for deaf teens)</p>	<p>To provide appropriate support for all those affected by MS, including families, friends and carers.</p>	<p>Teenagers who are deaf.</p>	<p>Old Thorn Hall, Baythorne Street, E3 4AP</p>
<p>The Bubble Club (young person's club)</p>	<p>To podcast once a month, with music and writing by</p>	<p>Young people with Learning</p>	<p>Bethnal Green Training Centre</p>

	well and lesser known disabled artists, as well as specials such as artists of the month features.	Disabilities.	Hanbury Street London E1 5HZ
East London and The City Mental Health Trust			contact Gina Collacott - 0207-364-5573
Jewish Care			Contact Mrs A St. Croix - 0208-922-2000 (refer lots of disabled tenants to us for the decorating scheme for vulnerable tenants.)
APASENTH based at the Brady Centre.			telephone 020 7702 0002, Rowshanara Chowdhury
Bethany Project	a service for families of children on the autistic spectrum		(Tel. 020 7092 9122 - Sibylle Janert)
Tower Hamlets Opportunity Group			Mary Hughes Family Centre (Tel. 020 7364 2231 - Lorraine Dooley)
The Spark Centre			offer range of services

Appendix B

(Barnardos)			to disabled children and young people (Tel. 020 8981 4924 - Simon Roach)
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Contact Angela Stanworth CEO Disability Advocacy Network (DAN)		Tower Hamlets Coalition of disabled people (40-60 Southern Grove)	
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Extract from the Representation of the People Act 1983  
(as inserted by Section 16 of the Electoral  
Administration Act 2006)

**SCHEDULE A1** (*Section 18C*)

**REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

- 1 The relevant authority must publish notice of the holding of a review.
- 2 The authority must consult the returning officer for every parliamentary election held in a constituency which is wholly or partly in its area.
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  - (1) Every such returning officer must make representations to the authority.
  - (2) The representations must include information as to the location of polling stations (existing or proposed) within polling places (existing or proposed).
  - (3) The representations must be published in such manner as is prescribed.
- 4
  - (1) The authority must seek representations from such persons as it thinks have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability.
  - (2) Such persons must have an opportunity—
    - (a) to make representations;
    - (b) to comment on the returning officer's representations.
- 5 Any elector in a constituency situated in whole or in part in the authority's area may make representations.
- 6 Representations made by any person in connection with a review of polling places may include proposals for specified alternative polling places.
- 7 On completion of a review the authority must—
  - (a) give reasons for its decisions in the review;
  - (b) publish such other information as is prescribed.

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# Agenda Item 3.3

<b>Committee:</b> General Purposes Committee	<b>Date:</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2007	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>Agenda Item No:</b>
<b>Report of Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)</b>		<b>Title:</b> Electoral Matters – Update		
<b>Originating Officer:</b> Tim Revell Interim Electoral Services Manager		<b>Ward(s) Affected:</b> All		

## Summary

1. This report updates members of the Committee on electoral issues.

## Recommendations

2. That the Committee note the information in the report which will subsequently be circulated to all members using the Members' Bulletin.

## Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries Review

3. In its fifth periodical report submitted on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2006 the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) proposed that there should be two parliamentary constituencies wholly within Tower Hamlets' boundary. These are:

**BETHNAL GREEN AND BOW BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY** Nine wards:- Bethnal Green North, Bethnal Green South, Bow East, Bow West, Mile End and Globe Town, St Dunstan's and Stepney Green, Spitalfields and Banglatown, Weavers, Whitechapel.

**POPLAR AND LIMEHOUSE BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY** Eight wards:- Blackwall and Cubitt Town, Bromley-by-Bow, East India and Lansbury, Limehouse, Mile End East, Millwall, St Katherine's and Wapping, Shadwell.

A map of the proposed constituencies is at appendix A.

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### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 (SECTION 97)

#### LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Brief description of "background papers"	Tick if copy supplied for register	If not supplied, name and telephone number of holder
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None

4. On 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007 the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs laid the report before both Houses of Parliament together with a draft Order in Council giving effect, without modification, to the recommendations in the report. The draft order has now been approved by the House of Commons and is waiting to be scheduled in the House of Lords. It is anticipated that the Order in Council will be approved by the late April/early May.
5. On approval of the Order the new constituencies will take effect at the next following general election. Any by-elections that may be held before the next general election will be held on the old (existing) constituencies.

**Comments of Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)**

6. There are no specific legal implications in this report.

**Comments of Chief Financial Officer**

7. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**Equal Opportunities Implications**

8. There are no equal opportunities implications arising from this report.

**Anti Poverty Implications**

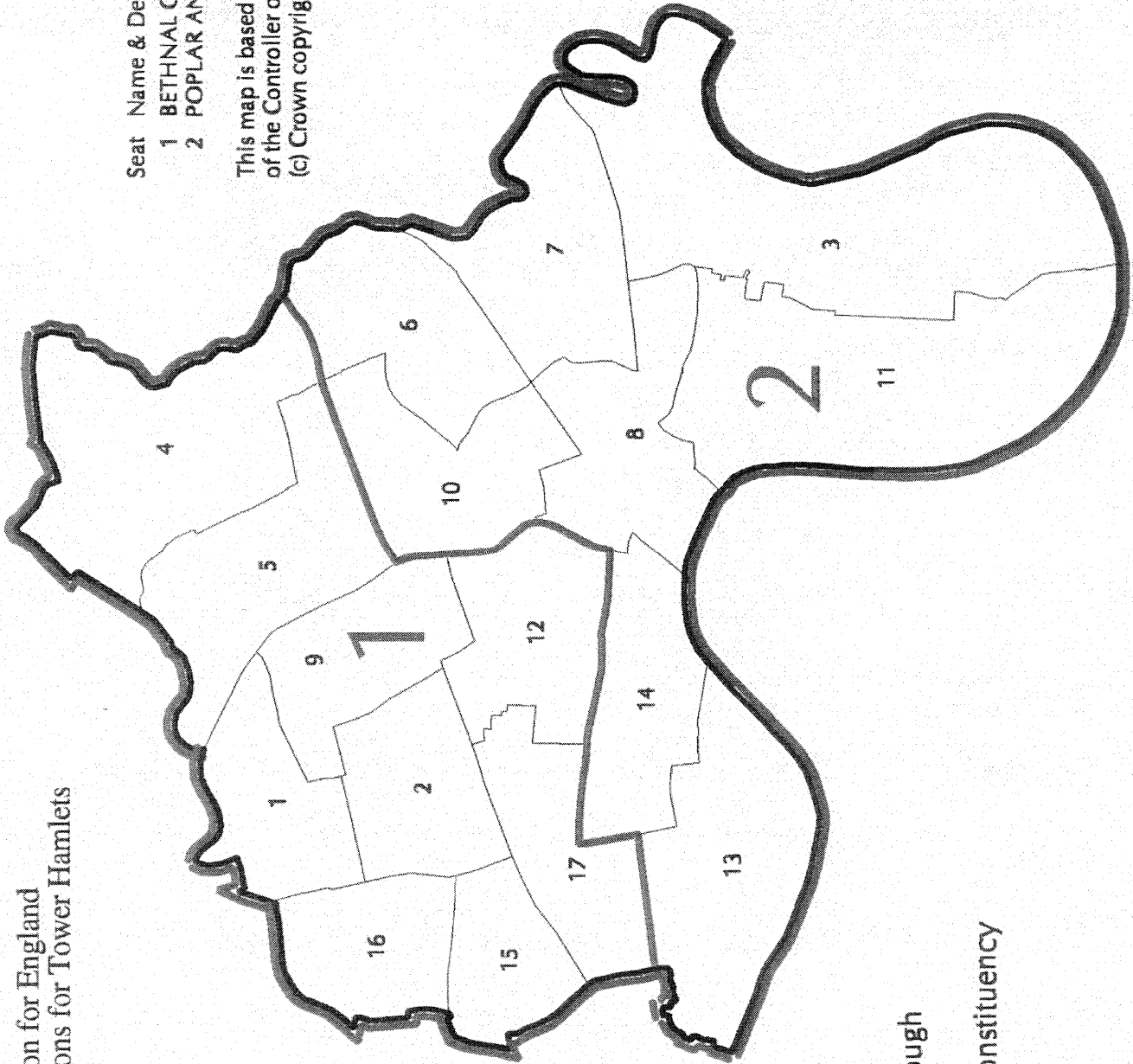
9. There are no implications in this report.

**Sustainable Action for a Greener Environment**




10. There are no implications in this report.

Seat	Name & Designation	2000
1	BETHNAL GREEN AND BOW BC	66,423
2	POPLAR AND LIMEHOUSE BC	59,400

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Boundaries:

-  Ward
-  District/Borough
-  Proposed Constituency

Note: The numbers on this map refer to the wards listed on the next page.

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