



Meeting of the

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Thursday, 18 October 2007 at 6.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

VENUE

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

Members:	Deputies (if any):
Chair: Councillor Shafiqul Haque Vice-Chair: Councillor Waiseul Islam	
Councillor Rajib Ahmed Councillor Philip Briscoe Councillor Carli Harper-Penman Councillor Lutfur Rahman Councillor M. Mamun Rashid	Councillor M. Shahid Ali, (Designated Deputy representing Councillors Shafiqul Haque, Carli Harper-Penman, Waiseul Islam and Lutfur Rahman) Councillor Stephanie Eaton, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor Rajib Ahmed) Councillor Peter Golds, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor Philip Briscoe)
[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 195 to 198 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 Service Head, Democratic Services on behalf of the Monitoring Officer.

3. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES **1 - 24**

To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 13 June 2007.

4. MATTERS ARISING

5. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

5 .1 Amendments to the Constitution **25 - 38**

5 .2 Membership of the Shadow Board of Tower Hamlets Homes **39 - 40**

5 .3 Appointment of Deputy Electoral Registration Officer **41 - 44**

5 .4 Filling of casual vacancies on Committees/Panels **45 - 46**

5 .5 Appointments to External Bodies **47 - 50**

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee was to be on Wednesday 13 February 2008. However, because of some urgent business, a further meeting of the Committee will need to take place before the November 2007 meeting of Council. At the time of agenda despatch this date had not been finalised, but it is anticipated that it will be some time in the week commencing 12 November 2007.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS