

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 29 MAY 2007

**COMMITTEE ROOM, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Councillor Shafiqul Haque (Chair)

Councillor Philip Briscoe
Councillor Carli Harper-Penman
Councillor Waiseul Islam
Councillor M. Mamun Rashid

Officers Present:

Martin Smith – (Chief Executive)
Graham White – (Legal Adviser)
John Williams – (Service Head, Democratic Services)
Angus Dixon – (Democratic Services)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Lutfur Rahman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Shafiqul Haque declared a personal interest in relation to item 3.1 as he was a leaseholder in the Borough.

3. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 TOWER HAMLETS HOMES SHADOW BOARD

Mr Martin Smith, Chief Executive, introduced the item and outlined to the Committee the steps involved in the establishment of the Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO). Mr Smith referred to the tabled addendum report and explained that the Committee was being asked to agree the process for the appointment of Councillors to the Shadow Board and also to the ALMO Board Selection Panel, which would subsequently appoint resident and independent board members.

The Committee discussed that it would be beneficial for briefing information to be sent to Councillors outlining the principles and structure of the ALMO, and the key milestones that are being worked towards in its establishment. The Committee also discussed and noted the requirement for members of the Shadow Board to agree with and support the principles of the ALMO.

The Chair **Moved** and it was

RESOLVED

That the Committee:

1. Agrees that the 5 Council Representatives to the Shadow Board of Tower Hamlets Homes be appointed on the basis of proportionality (3 from the Majority Group, 2 from the Minority Parties) and that authority be delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive to agree the appointment of Members to the Shadow Board in accordance with this allocation following receipt of nominations from the Political Groups.
2. Establishes a Sub-Committee of 7 Members, called the ALMO Board Selection Panel, on a proportionate basis (4 Majority Group, 1 from each of the Minority Groups) to appoint the 5 Resident members and 5 Independent members of the Shadow Board of Tower Hamlets Homes; and that authority be delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive to agree the appointment of Members to the Selection Panel in accordance with this allocation following receipt of nominations from the Political Groups.

3.2 CHANGE TO COMMITTEE / PANEL MEMBERSHIP

The Chair introduced the tabled report which recommended the replacement of Councillor Tim O'Flaherty with Councillor Stephanie Eaton as the Liberal Democrat representative on the Health Scrutiny Panel.

The Chair **Moved** and it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Stephanie Eaton replace Councillor Tim O'Flaherty as a Member of the Health Scrutiny Panel with immediate effect.

The meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Shafiqul Haque
General Purposes Committee