

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE 2009

**M71, 7TH FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE CRESCENT,
LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Councillor M. Shahid Ali (Chair)

Councillor Clair Hawkins
Councillor Waiseul Islam
Councillor A A Sardar (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Peter Golds (Deputising for Councillor Philip Briscoe)

Officers Present:

Nadir Ahmed – (Trainee Committee Officer)
Amanda Thompson – (Team Leader - Democratic Services)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Lutfa Begum, M. Mamun Rashid and Philip Briscoe.

Councillor Peter Golds was present as a deputy for Councillor Philip Briscoe.

Councillor Waiseul Islam also gave apologies for lateness.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Councillor Clair Hawkins nominated Councillor A. A. Sardar as Vice-Chair of the General Purposes Committee for the Municipal Year 2009 – 2010. The Chair seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor A. A. Sardar be elected Vice-Chair of the General Purposes Committee for the Municipal Year 2009 – 2010.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES

The Chair **MOVED**

and it was

RESOLVED

That the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 25th March 2009 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the proceedings.

5. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 General Purposes Committee - Terms of reference, membership and dates of meetings

The clerk, at the request of the Chair, in introducing the report summarised the salient points contained therein.

The Chair **MOVED** the recommendation contained in paragraph 2.1 of the report

and it was

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

5.2 Appointments to external bodies

The clerk introduced the report which sought the appointment of Members, officers or other nominees as appropriate to represent the Council on external bodies. He drew Members' attention to the nominations contained in the tabled version of Appendix A which had been amended since the publication of the agenda.

The Chair of the Committee informed the Members that in order to expedite consideration of the report, he felt it was appropriate that the Committee focus its attention on the external bodies where there were more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and also on those where there were currently insufficient nominations.

Accordingly the Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

“That the appointments to external bodies set out in Appendix A to the report, in accordance with nominations received from political groups, be agreed with the exception of those appointments where there were more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council, and that the Committee consider those appointments organisation by organisation in the order detailed in Appendix A.

That it be noted, in relation to appointments for several outside organisations, that there were further nominations to be made by the political groups, and that the Committee consider these organisation by organisation in the order detailed in Appendix A.”

and it was

RESOLVED

- 1) That the appointments to external bodies set out in Appendix A to the report, in accordance with nominations received from political groups, be agreed with the exception of those appointments where there were more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council, and that the Committee consider those appointments organisation by organisation in the order detailed in Appendix A.
- 2) That it be noted, in relation to appointments for several outside organisations, that there were further nominations to be made by the political groups, and that the Committee consider these organisation by organisation in the order detailed in Appendix A.

Consideration of appointments to specific external bodies detailed in Appendix A to the report

Arts Council for England ACE

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation “Arts Council for England ACE,” Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

“That the Committee agree the nominations of the Labour Group that Councillors Rofique U. Ahmed and Denise Jones be appointed as the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Arts Council for England ACE for the Municipal Year 2009/10.”

And it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 3 for and 1 against)

That Councillors Rofique U. Ahmed and Denise Jones be appointed as the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Arts Council for England ACE for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Docklands Sailing Water Sports Centre

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Docklands Sailing Water Sports Centre," Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

"That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor Md. Shahid Ali be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Docklands Sailing Water Sports Centre for the Municipal Year 2009/10."

and it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillor Md. Shahid Ali be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Docklands Sailing Water Sports Centre for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Greenwich + Docklands Festival

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Greenwich + Docklands Festival," Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

"That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Greenwich + Docklands Festival for the Municipal Year 2009/10."

and it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillor Rofique U. Ahmed be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Greenwich + Docklands Festival for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Green Candle Dance Company

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Green Candle Dance Company," Appendix A detailed no nominations but one appointment could be made by the Council and therefore the Chair invited nominations.

Councillor Peter Golds nominated himself and there being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Peter Golds be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Green Candle Dance Company for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Island Sports Trust – Management Committee

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Island Sports Trust – Management Committee," Appendix A detailed no nominations but one appointment could be made by the Council and therefore the Chair invited nominations.

Councillor Peter Golds nominated himself and there being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Peter Golds be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Island Sports Trust – Management Committee for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Island Health Charities Trust

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Island Health Charities Trust," Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

"That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor Md. Shahid Ali be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Island Health Charities Trust for the Municipal Year 2009/10."

and it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillor Md. Shahid Ali be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Island Health Charities Trust for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Isle of Dogs Community Foundation

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Isle of Dogs Community Foundation," Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

"That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor Shiria Khatun be appointed as one of the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Isle of Dogs Community Foundation for the Municipal Year 2009/10."

and it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillor Shiria Khatun be appointed as one of the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Isle of Dogs Community Foundation for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Councillor Peter Golds commented that there was an issue concerning non-attendance of meetings by one of the previous appointees and he was therefore opposed to the reappointment of Councillor Shiria Khatun and requested that his vote against her appointment be recorded in the minutes. The Chair advised that he had spoken to Councillor Khatun who had given assurances that she would attend.

The Chair then **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

"That the Committee agree one of the nominations of the Conservative Group that Councillor Tim Archer also be appointed as one of the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Isle of Dogs Community Foundation for the Municipal Year 2009/10."

and it was

RESOLVED (on a unanimous vote)

That Councillor Tim Archer also be appointed as one of the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Isle of Dogs Community Foundation for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

London Canals Committee

The Chair reminded Members that in addition to the appointment of Councillor Marc Francis as the Authority's representative on the London Canal Committee a further appointment of a deputy could be made and therefore the Chair invited nominations.

Councillor Peter Golds nominated himself as a deputy and there being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Peter Golds be appointed as the deputy for Councillor Francis on the governing body of London Canals for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Leaside Regeneration Company Ltd

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Leaside Regeneration Company Ltd," Appendix A detailed no nominations but two appointments could be made by the Council and therefore the Chair invited nominations.

In the absence of any nominations the Chair proposed that the two former appointees, Councillors Ahmed Omer and Marc Francis, be reappointed and there being no further nominations, it was

RESOLVED

That subject to their agreement, Councillors Ahmed Omer and Marc Francis be appointed as the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Leaside Regeneration Company Ltd for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

LGA Urban Commission

The Chair reminded Members that in addition to the appointment of Councillor Rania Khan as one of the Authority's representatives on the LGA Urban Commission a further appointment could be made and therefore the Chair invited nominations.

Councillor Waiseul Islam nominated himself. Councillor Peter Golds nominated Councillor Phil Briscoe.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

“That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor Waiseul Islam be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of LGA Urban Commission for the Municipal Year 2009/10.”

and it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillor Waiseul Islam be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of LGA Urban Commission for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Limehouse Youth Club – Management Committee

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation “Limehouse Youth Club – Management Committee,” Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

“That the Committee agree the nominations of the Labour Group that Councillors Ohid Ahmed, Md. Shahid Ali and Waiseul Islam be appointed as the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Limehouse Youth Club – Management Committee for the Municipal Year 2009/10.”
and it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 4 for and 1 abstention)

That Councillors Ohid Ahmed, Md. Shahid Ali and Waiseul Islam be appointed as the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Limehouse Youth Club – Management Committee for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

London Accident Prevention Council

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation “London Accident Prevention Council,” Appendix A detailed two nominations and one Member and a deputy needed to be appointed by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

“That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor Abdal Ullah be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of London Accident Prevention Council for the Municipal Year 2009/10.”

and it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillor Abdal Ullah be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of London Accident Prevention Council for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

There being only one other nomination in Appendix A and one further appointment of a deputy to be made, it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Dr Emma Jones be appointed as the deputy for Councillor Abdal Ullah for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

The Chair reminded Members that in addition to the appointment of Councillor Marc Francis as the Authority's representative on the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority a further appointment of a deputy could be made and therefore the Chair invited nominations.

Councillor A A Sardar nominated Councillor Dulal Uddin. Councillor Clair Hawkins seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, it was

RESOLVED

That subject to his agreement, Councillor Dulal Uddin be appointed as the deputy for Councillor Marc Francis on the governing body of Lee Valley Regional Park Authority for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

London Youth Games Limited

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "London Youth Games Limited," Appendix A detailed one nomination and two appointments could be made by the Council and therefore the Chair invited nominations.

Councillor Peter Gold nominated himself and there being no further nominations, it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Peter Golds be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of London Youth Games Limited for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Mudchute Association

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Mudchute Association," Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

Councillor Golds advised that Councillor Rupert Eckhardt had a longstanding involvement with the Mudchute Association and therefore would be the most suited appointee.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

"That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor Md. Shahid Ali be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Mudchute Association for the Municipal Year 2009/10."

and it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillor Md. Shahid Ali be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Mudchute Association for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Mile End Park Partnership

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Mile End Park Partnership," Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

"That the Committee agree the nominations of the Labour Group that Councillors Rofique U. Ahmed and Denise Jones be appointed as the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Mile End Park Partnership for the Municipal Year 2009/10."

and it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillors Rofique U. Ahmed and Denise Jones be appointed as the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Mile End Park Partnership for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Parmiters Bethnal Green Education Trust

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Parmiters Bethnal Green Education Trust," Appendix A detailed no nominations and one appointment could be made by the Council and therefore the Chair invited nominations.

In the absence of any nominations the Chair proposed that the former appointee, Councillor Sirajul Islam, be reappointed and there being no further nominations, it was

RESOLVED

That subject to his agreement, Councillor Sirajul Islam be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Parmiters Bethnal Green Education Trust for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Reserve Forces & Cadets Association for Greater London

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Reserve Forces & Cadets Association for Greater London," Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

"That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor Rachael Saunders be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Reserve Forces & Cadets Association for Greater London for the Municipal Year 2009/10."

and it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillor Rachael Saunders be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Reserve Forces & Cadets Association for Greater London for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Rich Mix Cultural Foundation

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Rich Mix Cultural Foundation," Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

"That the Committee agree the nominations of the Labour Group that Councillors Fazlul Haque and Rachael Saunders be appointed as the

representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Rich Mix Cultural Foundation for the Municipal Year 2009/10.”

and it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillors Fazlul Haque and Rachael Saunders be appointed as the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Rich Mix Cultural Foundation for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Councillor Golds asked that it be recorded in the minutes that he had voted against the appointments. He commented that the large sums of public money spent on various projects in the Rich Mix Centre and the largely Labour affiliated control, meant it was wise to have a member of the opposition on the board.

St. Hilda’s Community Centre Management Committee

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation “St. Hilda’s Community Centre Management Committee,” Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

“That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor Fazlul Haque be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of St. Hilda’s Community Centre Management Committee for the Municipal Year 2009/10.”

and it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillor Fazlul Haque be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of St. Hilda’s Community Centre Management Committee for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

S. S. Robin Trust

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation “S. S. Robin Trust,” Appendix A detailed no nominations but one appointment could be made by the Council and therefore the Chair invited nominations.

In the absence of any nominations the Chair proposed that the former appointee, Councillor Denise Jones, be reappointed and there being no further nominations, it was

RESOLVED

That subject to her agreement, Councillor Denise Jones be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of S. S. Robin Trust for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

St. Katherine's & Shadwell Trust

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "St. Katherine's & Shadwell Trust," Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter. He reminded Members that four appointments needed to be made altogether – two members and two deputies.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

"That the Committee agree the nominations of the Labour and Conservative Groups that Councillors Shafiqul Haque and Denise Jones be appointed as the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of St. Katherine's & Shadwell Trust for the Municipal Year 2009/10 and Councillors Abdul Asad and Emma Jones be appointed as their deputies."

and it was

RESOLVED (on a unanimous vote)

That Councillors Shafiqul Haque and Denise Jones be appointed as the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of St. Katherine's & Shadwell Trust for the Municipal Year 2009/10 and that Councillors Abdul Asad and Emma Jones be appointed as their deputies.

Tower Hamlets/ Canary Wharf Further Education Trust

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Tower Hamlets/ Canary Wharf Further Education Trust," Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

"That the Committee agree the nominations of the Labour Group that Councillors Abdul Asad and Abdal Ullah be appointed as the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Tower Hamlets/ Canary Wharf Further Education Trust for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

and it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillors Abdul Asad and Abdal Ullah be appointed as the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Tower Hamlets/ Canary Wharf Further Education Trust for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Tower Hamlets Community Transport

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Tower Hamlets Community Transport," Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

Councillor Waiseul Islam nominated himself for the position.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

"That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor Waiseul Islam be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Tower Hamlets Community Transport for the Municipal Year 2009/10."

and it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillor Waiseul Islam be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Tower Hamlets Community Transport for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Councillor Peter Golds asked for his vote against the appointment be recorded in the minutes as Councillor Tim O'Flaherty had a longstanding involvement with Tower Hamlets Community Transport and as such, should have been reappointed.

Tower Hamlets Community Housing (THCH)

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation "Tower Hamlets Community Housing (THCH)," Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

"That the Committee agree the nominations of the Labour Group that Councillors Helal Abbas, Sirajul Islam, Waiseul Islam and Muhammad Abdullah Salique be appointed as the representatives of the Authority on the

governing body of Tower Hamlets Community Housing (THCH) for the Municipal Year 2009/10.”

and it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillors Helal Abbas, Sirajul Islam, Waiseul Islam and Muhammad Abdullah Salique be appointed as the representatives of the Authority on the governing body of Tower Hamlets Community Housing (THCH) for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

Women’s Environmental Network

The Chair informed members of the Committee that with regard to the organisation “Women’s Environmental Network,” Appendix A detailed more nominations than appointments to be made by the Council and therefore the Committee would need to vote on the matter.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

“That the Committee agree the nomination of the Labour Group that Councillor Ann Jackson be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Women’s Environmental Network for the Municipal Year 2009/10.”

and it was

RESOLVED (on a vote of 4 for and 1 against)

That Councillor Ann Jackson be appointed as the representative of the Authority on the governing body of Women’s Environmental Network for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

At the request of the Chair, the clerk explained that recommendations 3 (ii) and 3 (iii) of the report were to note the appointments to London Councils Committees and Forums made by Council on 21st May 2008, as listed in Appendix A to the report and to note the ‘Guidance for Members representing the Council on external bodies’ which was attached at Appendix B.

The Chair **MOVED** the following motion for the consideration of Members of the Committee

“That the that recommendations contained in paragraph 3 (ii) and 3 (iii) of the report be agreed”

and it was

RESOLVED

- 1) That the appointments to London Councils Committees and Forums made by Council on 21st May 2008, as listed in Appendix A to the report, be noted.
- 2) That the 'Guidance for Members representing the Council on external bodies' attached at Appendix B to the report be noted.

5.3 Appointment of members/deputies to casual vacancies on committees/panels (if any)

There was no business to consider under this agenda item.

The meeting ended at 8.05 p.m.

Chair, Councillor M. Shahid Ali
General Purposes Committee