

Meeting of the

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 16 December 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

VENUE

Committee Room C1, 1st Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove
Crescent, London, E14 2BG

Members:	Deputies (if any):
Chair: Councillor M. Shahid Ali Vice-Chair: Councillor A A Sardar	
Councillor Lutfa Begum Councillor Philip Briscoe Councillor Clair Hawkins Councillor Waiseul Islam Councillor M. Mamun Rashid	Councillor Rajib Ahmed, (Designated Deputy representing Councillors Md. Shahid Ali, Lutfa Begum, Clair Hawkins, Waiseul Islam and A. A. Sardar) Councillor Peter Golds, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor Philip Briscoe) Councillor Carli Harper-Penman, (Designated Deputy representing Councillors Md. Shahid Ali, Lutfa Begum, Clair Hawkins, Waiseul Islam and A. A. Sardar) Councillor Abjol Miah, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor M. Mamun Rashid) Councillor Fozol Miah, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor M. Mamun Rashid) Councillor Abdul Munim, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor M. Mamun Rashid) Councillor Salim Ullah, (Designated

Deputy representing Councillors Md. Shahid Ali, Lutfu Begum, Clair Hawkins, Waiseul Islam and A. A. Sardar)

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

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 16 December 2009

7.30 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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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. See attached note from the Chief Executive.

3. MINUTES

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To agree as a correct record of the proceedings the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 17 June 2009.

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Agenda Item 2

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - NOTE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This note is guidance only. Members should consult the Council's Code of Conduct for further details. Note: Only Members can decide if they have an interest therefore they must make their own decision. If in doubt as to the nature of an interest it is advisable to seek advice **prior** to attending at a meeting.

Declaration of interests for Members

Where Members have a personal interest in any business of the authority as described in paragraph 4 of the Council's Code of Conduct (contained in part 5 of the Council's Constitution) then s/he must disclose this personal interest as in accordance with paragraph 5 of the Code. Members must disclose the existence and nature of the interest at the start of the meeting and certainly no later than the commencement of the item or where the interest becomes apparent.

You have a **personal interest** in any business of your authority where it relates to or is likely to affect:

- (a) An interest that you must **register**
- (b) An interest that is not on the register, but where the well-being or financial position of you, members of your family, or people with whom you have a close association, is likely to be affected by the business of your authority more than it would affect the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision.

Where a personal interest is declared a Member may stay and take part in the debate and decision on that item.

What constitutes a prejudicial interest? - Please refer to paragraph 6 of the adopted Code of Conduct.

Your personal interest will also be a prejudicial interest in a matter if (a), (b) and either (c) or (d) below apply:-

- (a) A member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think that your personal interests are so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interests; AND
- (b) The matter does not fall within one of the exempt categories of decision listed in paragraph 6.2 of the Code; AND EITHER
- (c) The matter affects your financial position or the financial interest of a body with which you are associated; or
- (d) The matter relates to the determination of a licensing or regulatory application

The key points to remember if you have a prejudicial interest in a matter being discussed at a meeting:-

- i. You must declare that you have a prejudicial interest, and the nature of that interest, as soon as that interest becomes apparent to you; and
- ii. You must leave the room for the duration of consideration and decision on the item and not seek to influence the debate or decision unless (iv) below applies; and

- iii. You must not seek to improperly influence a decision in which you have a prejudicial interest.
- iv. If Members of the public are allowed to speak or make representations at the meeting, give evidence or answer questions about the matter, by statutory right or otherwise (e.g. planning or licensing committees), you can declare your prejudicial interest but make representations. However, you must immediately leave the room once you have finished your representations and answered questions (if any). You cannot remain in the meeting or in the public gallery during the debate or decision on the matter.

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

Agenda Item 4.1

Committee: General Purposes Committee	Date: 16 December 2009	Classification: Unrestricted	Report No:	Agenda Item No:
Report of Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) Originating Officer: Isabella Freeman Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)		Title: Review of Polling District and Polling Places Ward(s) Affected: Millwall, Bow East and Mile End East		

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the results of a polling district and polling place review and makes proposals for the use of two additional polling places and suggests that there be an amendment in respect of the extent of one polling districts.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the recommendations set out in paragraph 5 below and recommend that they be adopted by the Council for implementation in time for the local government election in May 2010.

3. Background

- 3.1 Over the past two years Electoral Services have conducted a number of polling place reviews. In 2008, all premises used as polling stations were visited with a particular emphasis on access and the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 as amended on 1st October 2004.
- 3.2 In the report to the previous meeting held on 22 October 2008, the Committee were advised that the Boundary Commission had identified its priorities for 2009-2011 and the council's situation did not fulfil the criteria for a ward boundary review prior to the next full review due to take place in 2011 under legislation section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006.
- 3.3 This report identifies the increase in electorate due to growth in the number of properties in the borough and proposes new polling districts and polling places as set out below.

4. Definitions

- 4.1 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.

5. Process

5.1 Following publication of the revised Register of Electors 2010 and in preparation for the local election, Mayoral referendum and Parliamentary election in May 2010, the Electoral Services Manager and her deputy conducted a review of those wards where the electorate has risen significantly over the past year. A full breakdown of each ward by polling district, polling place and electorate is shown at Appendix A.

5.2 The proposals are as follows:

Bow East, BE2 – currently there are 2 polling stations at Eastside Youth Centre and due to the amount of electors attending the centre, we propose to create a new polling place, BE2A, at Wrights Community Centre, Wrights Road, E3 5LG to deal with the area south of Parnell Road and reduce 1 polling place at Eastside. See Appendix B.

Millwall; The current electorate for MI1 polling district is 5,702, which is too large for one polling place, with 3 polling stations at Seven Mills Primary School. We propose to create a new polling district MI4 with an additional polling place sited at River House Montessori School, 3 Millharbour, E14 9XP (former Council Housing Offices) to deal with the current and anticipated increase in the electorate. The electorate for MI1 would reduce to 3,357, with 2 polling stations at Seven Mills Primary School and the electorate for MI4 would equate to 2,345, with two polling stations at the new River House Montessori School. The revised polling district boundary and new polling place location is set out at Appendix C.

Mile End East; change Stebon Primary School to Burdett Neighbourhood Centre, off Woowood Street, Masjid Lane, E14 7BW (opposite school).

5.3 **Bow East**; BE1 - we were asked to look into the possibility of creating a new polling district in this area, to give an additional polling place for residents of Wick Lane, Cadogan Terrace, Whitepost Lane, Dace Road and part of Jodrell Road to ensure residents have a polling place within easy access to be able to cast their vote. As the total electorate affected is 348, at this time we cannot justify a new polling place under current regulations. However, as the electorate grows in this area, we will review the situation again.

Concurrent Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)

6. It was a legal requirement to carry out the review of polling places in 2007 and thereafter every four years in accordance with the requirements of the Electoral Administration Act 2006. Each polling district must have sufficient and suitable designated polling places that provide ‘such reasonable facilities for voting that are practicable in the circumstances’ including accessibility for electors with disabilities. The Council is under a duty to promote equality for those with a disability and the recommendations in this report are drafted with this duty in mind.

Comments of the Chief Financial Officer

7. This report describes a review of polling districts and polling places in Tower Hamlets and makes recommendations to create two additional polling places and amend one polling district due to increases in the electorate in recent years.

Any financial implications arising from these changes are expected to be fully contained within existing budgets.

One Tower Hamlets Considerations

8. It is essential that disabilities issues are taken into account particularly in relation to identifying new polling places.

Risk Management Implications

9. The entire polling place review exercise is concerned with managing risk at all premises used as polling places

**Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)
List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report**

<i>Brief description of “back ground papers”</i>	<i>Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection.</i>
<i>Further Electoral Review Report</i>	<i>Louise Stamp 020 7364 3139</i>

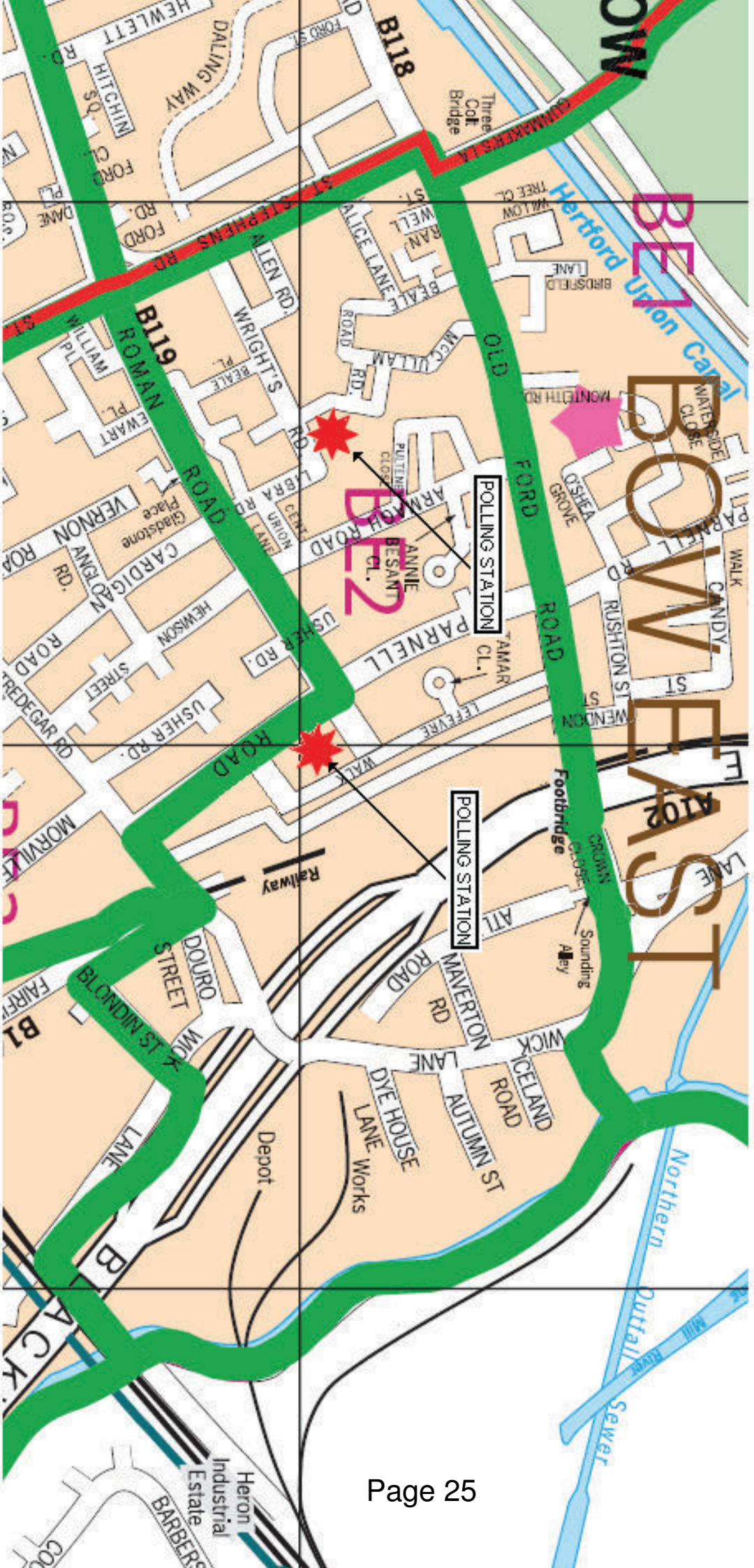
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Appendix A

Ward	Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations
Bromley By Bow	BBB1	Old Palace Primary School	3,515	Double
	BBB2	Clara Grant Primary School	3,632	Double
	BBB3	Marner Community Hall	1,210	Single
Blackwall & Cubitt Town	BCT1	LLIC Centre	2,651	Double
	BCT2	The Gallery, Jack Dash	2,159	Double
	BCT3	Cubbitt Town Infants	2,566	Double
	BCT4	St. Luke's CE Primary	2,484	Double
	BCT5	Town Hall, Mulberry Place	1,504	Single
Bow East	BE1	Francis Lee Community Centre	2,692	Double
	BE2	Eastside Youth Centre	2560	Double
	BE3	Tredegar Centre	2,668	Double
	BE4	Bow Secondary School	2,020	Double
Bethnal Green North	BGN1	Pritchards Road Day Centre	1,227	Single
	BGN2	St Elizabeth Primary School	2,945	Double
	BGN3	Lawdale Primary School	1,874	Double
	BGN4	Beatrice Tate School	2,716	Double
Bethnal Green South	BGS1	Hague Primary School	1,598	Single
	BGS2	John Scurr Primary School	4,301	Triple
	BGS3	Stewart Headlam Primary School	2,078	Double
	BGS4	Whitechapel Sports Centre	1,204	Single
Bow West	BW1	Chisenhale Primary School	2,851	Double
	BW2	Olga Primary School	2,639	Double
	BW3	Central Foundation School	1,345	Single
	BW4	Malmesbury Primary School	1,834	Single
East India & Lansbury	EIL1	St Saviour's CE Primary School	1,955	Double
	EIL2	Bygrove Primary School	1,266	Single
	EIL3	Teviot Community Hall	1,754	Single
	EIL4	Culloden Primary School	2,255	Single
	EIL5	Teviot Neighbourhood Centre	1,628	Single
Limehouse	LI1	Stepney GreenCoat Primary School	1,726	Single
	LI2	Hind Grove Community Hall	3,319	Double
	LI3	Holy Family Primary School	1,734	Single
	LI4	Cyril Jackson Primary School	2,996	Double
Mile End East	MEE1	P.D.C. English Street	1,892	Single
	MEE2	Wellington Primary School	2,454	Double
	MEE3	St Paul with St Luke Primary School	1,984	Double
	MEE4	Stebon Primary School	2,116	Double
Mile End & Globetown	MGT1	Bonner Primary School	2,894	Double
	MGT2	The Tramshed, Digby Street	2,293	Double
	MGT3	T.H. Inclusion Support Centre	2,762	Double
	MGT4	Latimer Congregational Church	2,057	Double
Millwall	MI1	Seven Mills Primary School	5,702	Triple
	MI2	St Edmund RC Primary School	3,785	Double
	MI3	Harbinger Primary School	3,072	Double

Appendix A

Ward	Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Polling Stations
St Dunstan's & Stepney Green	SDS1	Redlands School	2,005	Double
	SDS2	Cayley Primary School	3,013	Double
	SDS3	Sir John Cass Secondary	3,945	Triple
	SDS4	Halley Primary School	1,740	Single
Shadwell	SH1	Bigland Green Primary School	2,860	Double
	SH2	St Mary & St Michael Parish Hall	1,121	Single
	SH3	Glamis Tenants Hall	1,854	Single
	SH4	Portakabin- Royal Foundation	1,513	Single
	SH5	Blue Gate Fields School	1,129	Single
	SH6	Ogilvie Community Hall	954	Single
St Katharine's & Wapping	SK1	St Paul's Primary School	2,027	Double
	SK2	St Peter's Primary School	2,249	Double
	SK3	John Orwell Sports Centre	2,982	Double
	SK4	Hermitage primary School	1,689	Single
Spitalfields & Banglatown	SPB1	Christ Church Primary School	2,158	Double
	SPB2	Osmani Primary School	2,509	Double
	SPB3	Canon Barnett Primary School	2,644	Double
Weavers	WE1	Columbia Primary School	2,409	Double
	WE2	Virgina Primary School	2,351	Double
	WE3	St Mathia's Primary School	3,403	Double
Whitechapel	WH1	Kobi Nazrul Primary School	2,086	Double
	WH2	Tower Hamlets Community Housing	1,722	Single
	WH3	Smithy Street Primary School	2,583	Double
	WH4	Harry Gosling Primary School	3,415	Double
			160,278	



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Agenda Item 4.2

Committee General Purposes Committee	Date 16 December, 2009	Classification Unrestricted	Report No.	Agenda Item No.
Report of: Service Head, Democratic Services	Title: APPOINTMENTS TO PANELS/EXTERNAL BODIES			
Originating Officer(s): John S. Williams	Ward(s) affected: All			

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The General Purposes Committee has responsibility for appointing Members to vacant positions on the committees and panels of the Council; and Councillors, officers or other nominees as appropriate to represent the authority on external bodies. On 17th June 2009 the Committee received nominations from the political groups and agreed the Council's appointments to a range of external bodies for the municipal year 2009/10.
- 1.2 This report sets out a number of appointments which now fall to be made where vacancies have arisen since the June 2009 meeting.
- 1.3 The table overleaf lists the outstanding appointments and any nominations received at the time of printing the agenda. The respective political groups have been notified of the vacancies listed and any further nominations or amendments received prior to the committee will be reported at the meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That appointments be made to external bodies for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2009/2010 as listed at paragraph 4.1 overleaf.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The General Purposes Committee has been established by Council to enable the swift determination of non-executive matters, including appointments to committees, panels and external bodies.
- 3.2 The Committee is requested to consider the nominations below, which have been received from the political groups on the Council for the vacant positions as indicated. Appointments are made until the end of the current municipal year unless otherwise indicated.

4. VACANCIES AND NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

4.1 The Committee is asked to make appointments to the following vacant positions. Any nominations received from the political groups prior to agenda despatch are listed below. Any further nominations received prior to the Committee will be tabled at the meeting.

Panel/ Organisation	Reason for vacancy	Current representative(s)	Nominations
Fostering Panel	Resignation of Councillor Ann Jackson	1 vacancy	To be notified
Futures Charitable Trust (Term of office to 31 December 2011)	Members nominated by boroughs in rotation. Tower Hamlets nomination now due.	1 vacancy	To be notified
Lee Valley Regional Park Authority (Deputy Member)	Cllr Dulal Uddin was appointed in June 2009 subject to his agreement but has declined the nomination.	Councillor Marc Francis (Member) 1 vacancy (Deputy)	To be notified
Norton Folgate Almshouses Charity (4 year term) (Nominee does not need to be a councillor or officer of the Council)	Resignation of Councillor Bill Turner as one of the Council's three representatives.	Mr. Chris Weavers (ongoing to June 2013) Ms. Rachel Blake (ongoing to June 2012) 1 vacancy	Labour Group nomination: Mr. Chris Dyson (to June 2013)
Parmiter's Almshouses and Pensions Charity	No nominations made at GP Committee 17 June 2009 or for a number of years. The Clerk to the Trustees has now approached the Council, seeking up to 3 nominees.	3 vacancies	To be notified.

Stepney Relief in Need Charity (4 year term)	Councillor Bill Turner's membership of the Charity has lapsed.	Cllr Salim Ullah (to June 2013) Cllr Oliur Rahman (to March 2013) 1 vacancy	To be notified
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5. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICES)

6.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

7. IMPLICATIONS FOR ONE TOWER HAMLETS

7.1 There are no immediate implications for One Tower Hamlets arising from this report.

8. ANTI POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no immediate anti-poverty implications arising from this report.

9. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT (SAGE)

9.1 There are no immediate SAGE implications arising from this report.

10. RISK ASSESSMENT

10.1 The appointment of representatives to external bodies enables the Council to strengthen links with community. The appointment of representatives to external bodies also contributes to the Council's leadership role in the community.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 2000 (SECTION 97)

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

Brief description of "background paper"

Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection

External Bodies File

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