

**LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS**

**DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

**HELD AT 7.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2009**

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5  
CLOVE CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Rofique Ahmed, Shirley Houghton, Abjol Miah, Tim O'Flaherty, Mamun Rashid and Motin Uz-Zaman.

**DECISION**

That the apologies for absence be noted.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made by Members in respect of any items on the agenda for the meeting.

**3. TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY) FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

There were no announcements.

**4. NEW EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS - RESULTS OF CONSULTATION, MAYORAL PETITION AND REFERENDUM PROPOSALS**

Councillor Lutfur Rahman **MOVED** and Councillor Joshua Peck **SECONDED** 'that the recommendations in the report of the Chief Executive be adopted; that at recommendation 2.2 the referendum shall take place on 6 May 2010; and that in accordance with recommendation 2.5, the Council adopt new Executive Arrangements based on a Leader and Cabinet (England) model with effect from that date.'

Following debate, the proposal was **agreed** in a recorded vote.

**DECISION**

1. That the Council notes the receipt of a valid petition under the provisions of section 34 of the Local Government Act 2000 and that a referendum on the introduction of a Directly Elected Mayor for Tower Hamlets must be held;

2. That the referendum on the introduction of a Directly Elected Mayor for Tower Hamlets shall take place on 6 May 2010;
3. That the results of the public consultation on the form of new executive arrangements undertaken before receipt of the petition be noted;
4. That for the reasons set out in section 10 of the Chief Executive's report, the proposed new executive arrangements will be likely to assist in securing continuous improvement in the way in which the local authority's functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness;
5. That the Council adopt new executive arrangements based on a new-style 'Leader and Cabinet (England)' model as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Chief Executive, to operate in Tower Hamlets with effect from 6 May 2010;
6. That officers be authorised to draft detailed constitutional amendments as necessary to give effect to the above, for adoption at the Council meeting in March 2010.
7. That further consultation take place on the detailed proposals for a Mayoral executive to be the subject of the referendum and a further Extraordinary Council Meeting be held in due course to agree those proposals.

The meeting ended at 7.56 p.m.