

Meeting of the

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Monday, 13 December 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

VENUE

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

Members:	Deputies (if any):
Chair: Councillor Helal Uddin Vice-Chair: Councillor Abdul Asad	
Councillor Aminur Khan Councillor Md. Maium Miah Councillor Ahmed Adam Omer Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman 1 Vacancy	Councillor Kabir Ahmed, (Designated Deputy representing Councillors Helal Uddin, Abdul Asad, Ahmed Omer and Motin Uz-Zaman) Councillor Mizan Chaudhury, (Designated Deputy representing Councillors Helal Uddin, Abdul Asad, Ahmed Omer and Motin Uz-Zaman) Councillor Carlo Gibbs, (Designated Deputy representing Councillors Helal Uddin, Abdul Asad, Ahmed Omer and Motin Uz-Zaman) Councillor Peter Golds, (Designated Deputy representing Councillor Md. Maium Miah)

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

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Monday, 13 December 2010

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 confirm as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 23rd June 2010 and the extraordinary meeting held on 4th November 2010.

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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4.1 NEW BYELAWS FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

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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, 23 JUNE 2010

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

Members Present:

Councillor Helal Uddin (Chair)

Councillor Abdul Asad (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Aminur Khan

Councillor Md. Maium Miah

Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Peter Golds

Officers Present:

John Williams – (Service Head, Democratic Services)
Caroline Chalklin – (Committee Officer, Chief Executives')

1. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman nominated Councillor Abdul Asad as Vice Chair of the General Purposes Committee for the Municipal Year 2010-2011. Councillor Aminur Khan seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Abdul Asad be elected Vice – Chair of the General Purposes Committee for the Municipal Year 2010-2011.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ahmed Adam Omer.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members declared interests in items on the agenda for the meeting as set out below:

Councillor	Item(s)		Type of interest	Reason
Helal Uddin	5.2	Bromley by Bow Centre	Personal	Employee
	5.2	Poplar HARCA Boards	Personal	Employing organisation has close connection with Poplar HARCA
	5.2	Gateway Housing	Personal	Wife employed by Housing Association
Abdul Asad	5.2	Tower Hamlets Homes	Personal	Wife works for organisation
Motin Uz-Zaman	5.2	East End Homes	Personal	Previously Council appointee to Board
Md. Maium Miah	5.2	Island Homes (part of One Housing Group)	Personal	Board member
Aminur Khan	5.2	St Hilda's Community Centre Management Committee	Personal	Former member of staff.

4. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES

The Committee **RESOLVED**

That the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16th March 2010 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 General Purposes Committee Terms of Reference, Quorum, Membership and Dates of Meetings (GPC001/011)

Mr John Williams, (Service Head, Democratic Services) introduced the report detailing arrangements agreed at the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 26 May 2010, for the Terms of Reference, Quorum, Membership and Dates of Meetings for the current Municipal Year.

The Chair **Moved** and it was -

RESOLVED

That the Terms of Reference, Quorum, Membership and Dates of future meetings for the Committee be noted as set out in the appendices of the report.

5.2 Appointments to External Bodies (GPC002/011)

Mr John Williams (Service Head-Democratic Services) introduced the report detailing nominations from the political groups for the Council's appointments to outside bodies for the Municipal Year 2010/11. A revised schedule was tabled showing the updated nominations received.

Councillor Abdul Asad asked if one of the appointments to the Tower Hamlets/Canary Wharf Further Education Trust and one of the appointments to Tower Hamlets College were reserved for the Lead Member for Children's Services.

The Chair **Moved** and it was -

RESOLVED

- (i) That appointments be made to external bodies for the Municipal Year 2010/2011 as listed in Appendix A to these minutes; subject to clarification of the requirements for appointment(s) to Tower Hamlets/Canary Wharf Further Education Trust and Tower Hamlets College.
- (ii) That the appointments to London Councils Committees and Forums made by Council on 26th May 2010, as listed in Appendix B to the report, be noted; and
- (iii) That the 'Guidance for Members representing the Council on external bodies' at Appendix C be noted.

The meeting ended at 7.51 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Helal Uddin
General Purposes Committee

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 23RD JUNE 2010 – ITEM 5.2
 REVISED APPENDIX A - APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES 2010/2011

Name of Organisation & Term of Office	Number of representatives required (Member/Officer)	Current representatives 2009/10	Information on Organisation	Nominations received for 2010/11	Appointment agreed (to be completed after GP Committee)
<p>Aldgate & Allhallows Barking Exhibition Foundation Term: 3 years</p>	<p>1 (Member)</p>	<p>Cllr Sirajul Islam</p>	<p>Representative appointed as one of the six Governors of the Charity. The Foundation makes grants to benefit young people in Tower Hamlets and the City of London.</p> <p>First Governor meeting must be attended followed by two meetings per year. The next meeting is on 29.09.10 (11.30am) at 31 Jewry Street. Special meetings can be convened with 4 clear days' notice.</p>	<p>Required until March 2013</p> <p>Cllr Sirajul Islam (L)</p>	<p>Cllr Sirajul Islam (L)</p>
<p>Gromley by Bow Centre Term: 3 years</p>	<p>1 (Member)</p>	<p>(Former) Cllr A. A. Sardar</p>	<p>To promote the benefits of the inhabitants of LBTH & surrounding areas to advance education, protect and preserve health, relieve poverty, sickness and distress and provide recreational facilities.</p> <p>AGM and one General Meeting held each year. Meetings start at 6.00pm</p>	<p>Required until June 2013</p> <p>Cllr Rania Khan (L)</p>	<p>Cllr Rania Khan (L)</p>
<p>Central London Waste Disposal Joint Committee Term: 4 years (ends in June 2011)</p>	<p>3 (Members)</p>	<p>Cllr Abdal Ullah (Former) Cllr Waiseul Islam (Former) Cllr Shirley Houghton</p>	<p>To address problems and share technology on waste disposal, fly tipping, landfill, health & safety etc.</p> <p>The CLWDJC has not met for 3 years but it is envisaged that it will do so in the near future.</p>	<p>3 noms required for one year to complete 4 year term of office</p> <p>Cllr Shahed Ali (L)</p> <p>Cllr Anwar Khan (L)</p> <p>Cllr David Snowdon (C)</p>	<p>Cllr Shahed Ali (L) Cllr Anwar Khan (L) Cllr David Snowdon (C)</p>

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Cultural Industries Development Agency Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Denise Jones	<p>CIDA support those working in the creative and cultural industries to encourage and promote its expansion and opportunities for training and employment.</p> <p>Meetings are held quarterly and the remaining meetings for 2010 are 27th May (11.00am), 26th August (11.00am) and 25th November (12 noon). Meetings at the CIDA offices in Greatorex Street.</p>	Cllr Denise Jones (L)	Cllr Denise Jones (L)
Docklands Sailing & Water Sports Centre Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	(Former) Cllr Md. Shahid Ali	<p>Provides recreational water activities for all sections of the community living and working in the local area. Owned by Docklands Sailing & Watersports Centre Trust, and managed by a wholly owned subsidiary company. All directors and trustees are voluntary.</p> <p>Meetings are held 4 times a year and commence at 6.00pm at the Sailing Centre.</p>	<p>Cllr Cari Harper-Penman (L)</p> <p>Cllr Zara Davis (C)</p>	Cllr Cari Harper-Penman (L)
East End Homes Term: 1 year	2 (Members)	<p>Cllr Rachael Saunders</p> <p>Cllr Motin Uz-Zaman</p>	<p>Registered Social Landlord. Provide housing, hostels and associated amenities.</p> <p>Remaining meeting dates for the main Board are 29th July 2010, 30th September 2010 and 27th January 2011. Meetings commence at 7pm with the venue to be confirmed before each meeting is held.</p>	<p>Cllr Rachael Saunders (L)</p> <p>Cllr Motin Uz-Zaman (L)</p> <p>Cllr David Snowden (G) <i>(Withdrawn)</i></p>	<p>Cllr Rachael Saunders (L)</p> <p>Cllr Motin Uz-Zaman (L)</p>

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East London Line Group	0	Cllr Abdal Ullah (Former) Cllr Salim Ullah	As the East London Line will be up and running on 23 rd May 2010, there is a proposal going to the AGM on 24 th June 2010 to dissolve the Group.	None required – group to be dissolved	-
East London Nursing Society Trust Term: 4 years	3 (all in place to 25 th March 2013) (May be Members, officers or lay persons)	Cllr Lutfa Begum Cllr Rachael Saunders Ms. Belle Harris	The object of the Charity is to relieve in cases of need persons resident in LBTH who are sick, convalescent, disabled, handicapped or infirm. Remaining meetings are to be held on 15 th June and 19 th October at 11am at the Mile End Hospital.	None required this year.	-
East London & The City University Mental Health NHS Trust Term: 1 year	1 (Member who must NOT be a member of the Health Scrutiny Panel)	Cllr Oliur Rahman	A mental health trust with university status. Mental health care services provided to the City of London and Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Newham and also provide specialist services to a wider population. One AGM meeting and 9 Board meetings a year. Remaining Board meetings are 24 June, 29 July, 30 Sept, 21 Oct, 25 Nov 2010. AGM on 14 Sept. Meetings held from 2 – 5pm at Commercial Street, E1.	Cllr Rachael Saunders (L)	Cllr Rachael Saunders (L)
English Heritage – Historic Environment Champion Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Denise Jones	English Heritage is the Government's statutory adviser on the historic environment, reporting to Parliament through the Secretary of State. Meetings are ad hoc (for information, the Commission met in June, July, September, November, December 2009)	Cllr Judith Gardiner (L)	Cllr Judith Gardiner (L)

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Futures Charitable Trust Term: 2 years (in rotation with other London Boroughs)	1 (Member)	Cllr Ann Jackson (appointed until 31.12.2011)	The Trust gives practical and financial support, working to develop key workplace skills with 14 to 30-year-olds who have struggled at school, have been in care, are long-term unemployed or have been in trouble with the police. The other boroughs involved are Newham, Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest.	None required this year.	-
Gateway Housing Association <small>(formerly Bethnal Green & Victoria Park Housing Association)</small> Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Joshua Peck	Registered Social Landlord. To provide housing, accommodation, and associated assistance and amenities. AGM held once yearly in September with Board meetings being held 6 times a year. Meetings start at 6pm and held at the GHA offices.	Cllr Anwar Khan (L) Cllr Peter Golds (C) (Withdrawn)	Cllr Anwar Khan (L)
Green Candle Dance Company Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Peter Golds	Dance company which creates productions & education programmes for specific communities and in educational, community and arts settings. Meetings are held quarterly and the next meeting is due in August 2010 which commences at 1.30pm.	Cllr Peter Golds (C)	Cllr Peter Golds (C)
Globe Town Trust Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Bill Turner	Issues grants for the general benefit of the area without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions. Information on frequency and time of meetings unavailable at time of printing.	Cllr Amy Whitelock (L)	Cllr Amy Whitelock (L)

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<p>Greater London Enterprise</p> <p>Term: 1 year (as a ordinary member of the GLE Ltd)</p>	<p>2 (Members)</p>	<p>Cllr Alibor Choudhury</p> <p>Cllr Stephanie Eaton</p>	<p>GLE is wholly owned by all 33 London local authorities and is commercially and constitutionally independent. It uses is commercial skills and regeneration expertise to add value, deliver high quality goods and services and to help promote relevant policy issues for the benefit of London.</p> <p>Remaining meetings are 29th July and the AGM is to be held on 2nd December 201 both at 5.00pm at New City Court.</p>	<p>Cllr Khales Uddin Ahmed (L)</p> <p>Cllr Carlo Gibbs (L)</p>	<p>Cllr Khales Uddin Ahmed (L)</p> <p>Cllr Carlo Gibbs (L)</p>
<p>Greenwich & Docklands Festival</p> <p>Term: 1 year</p>	<p>1 (Member)</p>	<p>Cllr Rofique U. Ahmed</p>	<p>Greenwich & Docklands Festivals is a festivals, projects and event producing organisation working across London and further afield.</p> <p>Information on frequency and time of meetings unavailable at time of printing.</p>	<p>Cllr Joshua Peck (L)</p>	<p>Cllr Joshua Peck (L)</p>
<p>Island Health Trust (formerly Island Health Charitable Trust)</p> <p>Term: 1 year</p>	<p>1 (Member)</p>	<p>(Former) Cllr Md. Shahid Ali</p>	<p>Promotes and gives access to primary health care within the diverse communities of Newham and Tower Hamlets.</p> <p>Remaining meetings to be held are on 12th July, 13th September and 6th December 2010 which commence at 6.00pm at the Island Health Medical Centre.</p>	<p>Cllr Anna Lynch (L)</p> <p>Cllr Gloria Thienel (C)</p>	<p>Cllr Anna Lynch (L)</p>

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Island Sports Trust – Management Committee Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Peter Golds	<p>The Trust (at George Green School) is a voluntary organisation which aims to provide a service which is responsive to local needs and accessible to all groups and individuals in the Community. It provides leisure and learning opportunities that may lead to personal and social development.</p> <p>Six meetings per year – bi-monthly - which commence at 4.00pm. Dates not set at time of printing.</p>	Cllr Maium Miah (C)	Cllr Maium Miah (C)
Pedigree of Dogs Community Foundation Term: 1 year	2 (Can be Members or officers)	Cllr Tim Archer (Former) Cllr Md. Shahid Ali	<p>Grant giving charity to people in LAP 7 and 8 at the current time but hoping to go borough wide.</p> <p>Remaining meetings (bi-monthly) are to be held on 20th July, 28th September (3.30pm) followed by AGM at 5.15pm and 30th November 2010 commencing at 4.30pm.</p>	Cllr David Edgar (L) Cllr Tim Archer (C)	Cllr David Edgar (L) Cllr Tim Archer (C)
Jagonari – Women’s Education & Resource Centre – Board Member Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Rachael Saunders	<p>Committed to promoting race relations, equal opportunities for women and using the Jagonari Centre to provide facilities for recreational, educational, religious and cultural activities.</p> <p>Meetings normally held bi-monthly in the 2nd week of the month, on a Wednesday from 12.30 – 2.30pm, at the Centre in Whitechapel Road.</p>	Cllr Shelina Akhtar (L)	Cllr Shelina Akhtar (L)

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Leaside Regeneration Company Ltd Term: 1 year	2 (Members)	Cllr Marc Francis Cllr Carli Harper-Penman	Community-based social enterprise to develop & deliver a vision for regeneration of the Lower Lea Valley and surrounding area. Ambition to create a new Water City in East London. Various meetings – Strategy Sub Group – 2 nd July and 11 th October 2010 at 10am; Corporate Board – 14 th September and 9 th November 2010 from 3 – 4pm; and Main Board same dates from 4 – 6pm. Meetings held at Gillender Street, E14.	Cllr Helal Uddin (L) Cllr David Edgar (L)	Cllr Helal Uddin (L) Cllr David Edgar (L)
Lee Valley Regional Park Authority Term: 4 years	1 + 1 deputy (Member)	Cllr Marc Francis (appointment lapsed) Deputy – Cllr Carli Harper Penman (until June 2010)	Remit covers leisure/sport/recreation, including nature conservation and enhancement of natural environment. Mandatory duty to develop, improve, preserve and manage the park. Attendance required at approx 8 meetings p.a. - board & committee meetings are held on the 4 th Thursday of each month during the daytime, at Bulls Cross, Enfield. AGM is scheduled for 8 th July 2010.	1 member and 1 deputy member required to serve until June 2013 Member – Cllr Denise Jones (L) Deputy – Cllr Shamed Ali (L)	Member – Cllr Denise Jones (L) Deputy – Cllr Shamed Ali (L)
Local Government Assembly (LGA) Term: 1 year	4 (Members)	Cllr Rajib Ahmed Cllr Alibor Choudhury Cllr Carli Harper-Penman Cllr Peter Golds	The LGA promotes the interests of English & Welsh authorities. General Assembly meets once a year as the "parliament" for local government. The next meeting of the Assembly will take place on Tuesday 6 July 2010 in Bournemouth.	Cllr Joshua Peck (L) Cllr Carli Harper-Penman (L) Cllr Kabir Ahmed (L) Cllr Peter Golds (C)	Cllr Joshua Peck (L) Cllr Carli Harper-Penman (L) Cllr Kabir Ahmed (L) Cllr Peter Golds (C)

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LGA Urban Commission Term: 1 year	2 (Members)	Cllr Rania Khan (Former) Cllr Waiseul Islam	<p>A forum for urban authorities to discuss matters of common concern and exchange good practice.</p> <p>Next meeting is to be held on 27th October 2010 from 9am – 3pm.</p>	<p>Cllr Sirajul Islam (L)</p> <p>Cllr Joshua Peck (L)</p>	<p>Cllr Sirajul Islam (L)</p> <p>Cllr Joshua Peck (L)</p>
London Accident Prevention Council Term: 1 year	1 + 1 Deputy (Members)	Cllr Abdal Ullah Cllr Dr. Emma Jones – Deputy	<p>LPAC aim to reduce needless casualties by producing and promoting resources and publicity materials.</p> <p>Meetings – AGM – 21st July 2010 at 11am. Full Council – 20th October 2010 at 11am. Executive – 1st September, 24th November 2010 at 11am. Project Sub – 29th September, 15th December 2010 at 10.30am. Held at the Guildhall.</p>	<p>Member – Cllr Shahed Ali (L)</p> <p>Deputy – Cllr Dr Emma Jones (C)</p>	<p>Member – Cllr Shahed Ali (L)</p> <p>Deputy – Cllr Dr Emma Jones (C)</p>
London City Airport Consultative Committee Term: 3 years	1 + 1 Deputy (Can be Members or officers)	(Former) Cllr Waiseul Islam	<p>An independent Consultative Committee established by London City Airport to discuss Airport issues, keep people informed and monitor the local environment.</p> <p>Next meeting date is 13th July 2010. The Consultative Committee meets quarterly in January, April, July and October.</p>	<p>Member – Cllr Carli Harper-Penman (L)</p> <p>Deputy – Cllr Anwar Khan (L)</p>	<p>Member – Cllr Carli Harper-Penman (L)</p> <p>Deputy – Cllr Anwar Khan (L)</p>

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<p>London Housing Consortium</p> <p>Term: 1 year</p>	<p>2 (Members)</p>	<p>Cllr Marc Francis (primary)</p> <p>(Former) Cllr Waiseul Islam (secondary)</p>	<p>LHC Network framework arrangements are available for use, free of charge, by any social landlord, local authority or other public sector organisation in the UK.</p> <p>Meet twice a year with the next meeting to be held on 25th June at 10.00am at LB of Haringey followed by another on 3rd December 2010 in Hayes, Middlesex at 10.00am.</p>	<p>Cllr Marc Francis (L)</p> <p>Cllr Judith Gardiner (L)</p>	<p>Cllr Marc Francis (L)</p> <p>Cllr Judith Gardiner (L)</p>
<p>London Thames Gateway Development Corporation</p> <p>Term: 1 year</p>	<p>1 (Member)</p> <p>N.B. – Ministerial appointment – alternative nominations required</p>	<p>Cllr Ohid Ahmed</p> <p>(Resigned – 21.6.10)</p>	<p>LTGDC is the Government's lead regeneration agency for the Lower Lea Valley and London Riverside.</p> <p>Appointments are made by LTGDC on the basis of relevant knowledge and experience and are subject to ministerial approval. It is expected that borough representatives will be senior cabinet members.</p> <p>Information on frequency and time of meetings unavailable at time of printing.</p>	<p>Cllr Kosru Uddin (L)</p>	<p><i>Nomination made to Secretary of State, who will make appointment</i></p> <p>Cllr Kosru Uddin (L)</p>
<p>London Youth Games Ltd</p> <p>Term: 1 year</p>	<p>2 (Members)</p>	<p>(Former) Cllr Waiseul Islam</p> <p>Cllr Peter Golds</p>	<p>London Youth Games are a free season of youth sports events involving all 33 London boroughs. The games are organised by YG Ltd, a registered charity made up of representatives from the boroughs, major funding partners and independent trustees.</p>	<p>Cllr Amy Whitelock (L)</p> <p>Cllr Kabir Ahmed (L)</p> <p>Cllr Zara-Davis (G) (withdrawn)</p> <p>Cllr Md. Maium Miah (C)</p>	<p>Cllr Amy Whitelock (L)</p> <p>Cllr Kabir Ahmed (L)</p>

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Merchant Navy Welfare Board Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Ahmed Omer	Assessing the welfare needs of merchant seafarers and their dependants; co-ordinating charitable organisations concerned with the provision of welfare services. Meet three times a year. Next meetings are 6 th July and 9 th October 2010 commencing at 10.00am at the Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest.	Cllr Anna Lynch (L)	Cllr Anna Lynch (L)
Mile End Park Partnership Company Term: 1 year	2 (Members)	Cllr Rofique U. Ahmed Cllr Denise Jones	Information on frequency and time of meetings unavailable at time of printing.	Cllr Joshua Peck (L) Cllr Denise Jones (L)	Cllr Joshua Peck (L) Cllr Denise Jones (L)
Mudchute Association (Park and Farm) Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	(Former) Cllr Md. Shahid Ali	Largest City Farm in London situated on the Isle of Dogs. Six meetings a year are held plus an AGM. Meetings held in January, March, May, July, September and November on the 3 rd Thursday of the month and the AGM is in October on the 2 nd Thursday of the month. Meetings start at 7.00pm and are held at the Mudchute Park and Farm.	Cllr Marc Francis (L) Cllr David Snowdon (C)	Cllr Marc Francis (L)
Norton Folgate Almshouse Charities Term: 4 years	3 (Can be Members, Officers or Lay Persons)	Ms. Rachel Blake (appointed to June 2012) Mr. Chris Weavers (to March 2013) Mr Chris Dyson (to June 2013)	Provides accommodation for women over retirement age. The Almshouse Charities has amalgamated with Harrison Housing. Information on frequency and time of meetings unavailable at time of printing.	None required this year	-

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Ocean Regeneration Trust Board Term: 1 year	2 (Members)	Cllr Rofique U. Ahmed 1 vacancy	Co-ordinates regeneration and community activity on the Ocean Estate. Meetings are held as and when required, either at midday or in the evening.	Cllr Judith Gardiner (L) Cllr Rofique U. Ahmed (L)	Cllr Judith Gardiner (L) Cllr Rofique U. Ahmed (L)
Older People's Member Champion Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Ann Jackson	Elected Councillor to lead for older people across the Council. The aim is to ensure that older people become and remain a priority.	Cllr Ann Jackson (L)	Cllr Ann Jackson (L)
Olympic Delivery Authority – Planning Committee Term: 2 years	1 (Member) Nomination to be approved by ODA Board	Cllr Rofique U. Ahmed (appointed to Sept 2010)	The Planning Committee makes decisions on planning applications submitted within the ODA area. Meetings take place approx. monthly at Stratford Old Town Hall, starting at 6.00 p.m.	Cllr Judith Gardiner (L)	Cllr Judith Gardiner (L)
Oxford House Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Ahmed Omer	Community organisation that aims to encourage a sense of community in a diverse society and to work in partnership with groups and individuals to develop their potential. Meetings are held every 6 – 8 weeks.	Cllr Mizanur Rahman Chaudhury (L)	Cllr Mizanur Rahman Chaudhury (L)
Parmiters Bethnal Green Education Trust Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Sirajul Islam	Considers applications for book grants from Tower Hamlets students attending undergraduate courses of higher education or PGCE courses. The value of the grant is determined in part by the number of applications received but, in previous years, has been £100 per award. Meetings held as required.	Cllr Carlo Gibbs (L)	Cllr Carlo Gibbs (L)

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Poplar Harca Boards Term: 1 year	4 (must be Members) One on each of 4 boards: - PH Board; - Places; - Services - Finance & Audit	Cllr Rajib Ahmed Cllr Rania Khan Cllr Shiria Khatun (Former) Cllr A. A. Sardar	Registered Social Landlord	Cllr Ohid Ahmed (L) Cllr Rajib Ahmed (L) Cllr Rania Khan (L) Cllr Kosru Uddin (L) Cllr Peter Gelds (G) (withdrawn)	Cllr Ohid Ahmed (L) Cllr Rajib Ahmed (L) Cllr Rania Khan (L) Cllr Kosru Uddin (L)
Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Greater London Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Rachael Saunders	Support the volunteer reserve forces of the Army (Territorial), the Royal Marine Reserves, Royal Air Force Reserves and Cadets within Greater London. Provide an essential representative link between the military forces and the local community. Meet twice a year, next meeting is on 18 th October 2010 at 6.00pm.	Cllr Rachael Saunders (L)	Cllr Rachael Saunders (L)
Rich Mix Cultural Foundation Term: 1 year	2 (Members)	(Former) Cllr Fazlul Haque Cllr Rachael Saunders	Cross cultural arts and media centre. Meetings are held four times a year with one AGM meeting. Remaining meetings to be held on 24 th June, 23 rd September (also date of AGM) and 16 th December 2010. Meetings start at 6.30pm at the Rick Mix Centre.	Cllr Rachael Saunders (L) Cllr Mizanur Rahman Chaudhury (L)	Cllr Rachael Saunders (L) Cllr Mizanur Rahman Chaudhury (L)

Name of Organisation & Term of Office	Number of representatives required (Member/Officer)	Current representatives 2009/10	Information on Organisation	Nominations received for 2010/11	Appointment agreed (to be completed after GP Committee)
Spitalfields Market Community Trust Term: 1 year	3 (Members)	Cllr Helal Abbas Cllr Sirajul Islam Cllr Lutfur Rahman	The advancement of education and the relief of poverty in the LBTH and to promote any other charitable purposes for the benefit of the community. Information on frequency and time of meetings unavailable at time of printing.	Cllr Sirajul Islam (L) Cllr Mizanur Rahman Chaudhury (L) Cllr Shelina Akhtar (L)	Cllr Sirajul Islam (L) Cllr Mizanur Rahman Chaudhury (L) Cllr Shelina Akhtar (L)
Stepney Relief in Need Charity Term: 4 years	3 (Can be Members, officers or Lay Persons)	Cllr Oliur Rahman (appointment lapsed) (Former) Cllr Salim Ullah 1 vacancy	To promote the benefits of the inhabitants of Stepney and the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and surrounding area. Meetings four times a year and dates to be confirmed from the Charity. Meetings commence at 5 to 5.30pm at St. Dunstan's Church.	3 representatives required at this time, each for a 4 year term Cllr Judith Gardiner (L) Ms. Belle Harris (L) Mr. David Byatt (L)	Cllr Judith Gardiner (L) Ms. Belle Harris (L) Mr. David Byatt (L)
St. Hilda's Community Centre Management Committee Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	(Former) Cllr Fazlul Haque	Relief of need which arises as a result of poverty, old age, disability or illness, the advancement of education and the social welfare of the inhabitants of LBTH. NB: St Hilda's has amended its memorandum and articles of association and these no longer provide for a Council representative. St Hilda's has become a major service provider and wishes to formally separate the provider and purchaser roles, whilst still working closely with the Council.	Representative no longer required.	-

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St. Katharine's & Shadwell Trust Term: 1 year	2 + 2 Deputies (Members)	Cllr Shafiqul Haque Cllr Denise Jones Cllr Abdul Asad – Deputy Cllr Dr. Emma Jones – Deputy	Community foundation raising funds and awarding grants to run and support a wide range of projects in East London. Meet twice a year. Next meetings are on 27 th July and 26 th October 2010 being held at Tower Hill.	Members – Cllr Shafiqul Haque (L) Cllr Denise Jones (L) Cllr Dr Emma Jones (C) Deputies – Cllr Rabina Khan (L) Cllr Dr Emma Jones (C)	Cllr Shafiqul Haque (L) Cllr Denise Jones (L) Deputies – Cllr Rabina Khan (L) Cllr Dr Emma Jones (C)
St. Paul's Way School Foundation Trust – Member Authorised Representative Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Rachael Saunders	National Challenge Trust holding land and buildings on behalf of, and appointing Governors to, St Paul's Way Community School. AGM plus general meetings. Dates not available at time of printing.	Cllr Rachael Saunders (L)	Cllr Rachael Saunders (L)
Thames Gateway London Partnership Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Marc Francis	Concentrates on housing and place making, skills and employment, transport and connectivity. The Board meets four times a year and the Housing committee also meets four times a year. Remaining Board meetings are 15 th September and 15 th December 2010, at 2pm in Anchorage House	Cllr Marc Francis (L)	Cllr Marc Francis (L)
Thames' Regions Flood Defence	No direct appointment	-	Appointment made by London Councils TEC Committee from group	None required	-

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Committee Term: 4 years			of boroughs – Tower Hamlets, Bexley, Greenwich, Lewisham and Newham. Currently Cllr R Sidhu (Greenwich)		
The Henderson Charity Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Ohid Ahmed	To relieve persons resident in the ancient parishes of St. George in the East who are in need, hardship or distress. Information on frequency and time of meetings unavailable at time of printing.	Cllr Alibor Choudhury (L)	Cllr Alibor Choudhury (L)
Tower Hamlets/Canary Wharf Further Education Trust Term: 1 year	2 (Members)	Cllr Abdul Asad Cllr Abdal Ullah	Registered charity launched by LBTH and Canary Wharf Ltd in 1990. Issue grants for the advancement of further/higher education and vocational training for Tower Hamlets residents. Two meetings held a year. July for the allocation of funds and December/January for Policy making.	Cllr Anwar Khan (L) Cllr Lesley Pavitt (L) Cllr Stephanie Eaton (LD) Cllr Zara Davis (C)	Cllr Anwar Khan (L) Cllr Lesley Pavitt (L) <i>[Subject to investigating requirements]</i>
Tower Hamlets College Board Term: 3 years	2 (May be Members, Officers or Lay Persons)	(Former) Cllr Clair Hawkins (appointed to June 2011) Ms. Carmel Littleton (to June 2011)	To govern the concerns and aims of the College. Information on frequency and time of meetings unavailable at time of printing.	None required this year.	<i>-[Subject to investigating requirement]</i>
Tower Hamlets Community Housing	4 (Members)	Cllr Hejal Abbas	Registered Social Landlord and Registered Charity operating	Cllr Sirajul Islam (L)	Cllr Sirajul Islam (L)

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Term: 1 year		Cllr Sirajul Islam (Former) Cllr Waiseul Islam (Former) Cllr Md. Abdullah Salique	exclusively in LBTH. Four meetings a year are held with the remaining being held on 16 th September and 9 th December 2010 commencing at 6.30pm and they are held at 285 Commercial Road.	Cllr Kabir Ahmed (L) Cllr Alibor Choudhury (L) Cllr Carlo Gibbs (L) Cllr Dr Emma Jones (C) (Withdrawn) Cllr Oliur Rahman (L)	Cllr Kabir Ahmed (L) Cllr Alibor Choudhury (L) Cllr Carlo Gibbs (L)
Tower Hamlets Community Transport Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	(Former) Cllr Waiseul Islam	Small charity based in Limehouse. Provides transport to voluntary and community groups in Tower Hamlets. Meets every 6 weeks from 26 th May 2010. Meetings commence at 3pm and are held at Newell Street, E14.	Cllr Oliur Rahman (L)	Cllr Oliur Rahman (L)
Tower Hamlets Homes Board Term: 1 year	5 (Members)	Cllr Alibor Choudhury Cllr Shafiqul Haque (Former) Cllr Alex Heslop Cllr Sirajul Islam Cllr Denise Jones	Manages homes and estates owned by Tower Hamlets Council. Responsible for the day to day running of the estates. Board meetings/forum approx monthly, 6.30 p.m. at Toby Club. Committee meetings also monthly in the evenings.	Cllr Sirajul Islam (L) Cllr Amy Whitelock (L) Cllr Mizanur Rahman Chaudhury (L) Cllr Judith Gardiner (L) Cllr Denise Jones (L) Cllr Peter Golds (C) (Withdrawn)	Cllr Sirajul Islam (L) Cllr Amy Whitelock (L) Cllr Mizanur Rahman Chaudhury (L) Cllr Judith Gardiner (L) Cllr Denise Jones (L)
Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust	1 (PCT advises this)	(Former) Cllr Anwara Ali	Commission health care for local people and committed to improving	Cllr Rachael Saunders (L)	Cllr Rachael Saunders (L)

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Term: 1 year	should be the Lead Member with responsibility for Older People & Health)		the health of the local population. Work in partnership with local organisations. Information on frequency and time of meetings unavailable at time of printing.		
Tower Hamlets Sports Council Term: 1 year	7 (Members)	Cllr Ohid Ahmed Cllr Rofique U. Ahmed (Former) Cllr Waiseul Islam Cllr Shiria Khatun Cllr Ahmed Omer (Former) Cllr Rupert Eckhardt (Former) Cllr Abjol Miah	Promotes participation and achievement in sport within the Borough by representing the interests of local sports clubs and individuals. Meet four times a year and remaining dates are in July (AGM) and October 2010 and February 2011.	Cllr Ohid Ahmed (L) Cllr Anwar Khan (L) Cllr Carli Harper-Penman (L) Cllr Lesley Pavitt (L) Cllr Mizanur Rahman Chaudhury (L) Cllr Zara Davis (C) Cllr Maium Miah (C)	Cllr Ohid Ahmed (L) Cllr Anwar Khan (L) Cllr Carli Harper-Penman (L) Cllr Lesley Pavitt (L) Cllr Mizanur Rahman Chaudhury (L) Cllr Zara Davis (C) Cllr Maium Miah (C)
Tower Project Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Ann Jackson	To promote the welfare of children, young people and adults and disabilities and/or learning difficulties and/or long term illness. Meet every six weeks from 15 th June 2010 onwards and meetings commence at 5.30pm.	Cllr Ann Jackson (L)	Cllr Ann Jackson (L)
V & A Museum of Childhood	2 (Members)	Cllr Abdul Asad	This is a now an extension of the Victoria & Albert Museum. The	Cllr Denise Jones (L)	Cllr Denise Jones (L)

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(formerly known as Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood) Term: 1 year		Cllr Denise Jones	Bethnal Green Museum holds a large collection of children's toys. Remaining meeting dates are 1 st July 2010 and 19 th November 2010. Lunch at 1.30pm with the meeting commencing at 2.30pm.	Cllr Anna Lynch (L)	Cllr Anna Lynch (L)
Whitechapel Art Gallery Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Lutfur Rahman	Founded in 1901 to bring great art to the people of east London. Information on frequency and time of meetings unavailable at time of printing.	Cllr Denise Jones (L)	Cllr Denise Jones (L)
Women's Library Council Term: 1 year	1 (Member)	Cllr Denise Jones	The Library documents women's lives in the past, present and future. Remaining meetings to be held on 6 th July and 22 nd September 2010 commencing at 4.45pm at the Women's Library, Old Castle St, E1.	Cllr Denise Jones (L)	Cllr Denise Jones (L)
Women's Environmental Network Term: 1 year	1 (Must be a female Councillor)	Cllr Ann Jackson	Organisation that works for women and the environment to enable them to make fair choices. Meet ten times a year but no dates currently available. Meetings commence at 6 – 8.30pm and are held in the WEN offices in Pinchin Street, E1	Cllr Shelina Akhtar (L)	Cllr Shelina Akhtar (L)

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

HELD AT 6.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2010

**ROOM M78, 7TH FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Councillor Helal Uddin (Chair)

Councillor Md. Maium Miah
Councillor Ahmed Adam Omer
Councillor Motin Uz-Zaman

Other Councillors Present:

Officers Present:

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Caroline Chalklin — (Committee Officer, Chief Executives')
John Williams — (Service Head, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the Vice-Chair, Councillor Abdul Asad.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ahmed Adam Omer declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest, in that he was a customer of Billingsgate Market.

Councillor Miah declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as Ward Councillor for Billingsgate Market.

3. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

**3.1 APPOINTMENTS TO BILLINGSGATE MARKET CONSULTATIVE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GPC 003/101)**

The Chair agreed that the item was urgent as the Billingsgate Market Consultative Advisory Committee needs to meet without delay to discuss proposals to amend the Market's by-laws. The Committee is convened by the City of London Corporation but its constitution provides for two members to be appointed by Tower Hamlets Council. The Committee is not quorate without the Tower Hamlets members and therefore cannot meet until they have been appointed.

The Service Head, Democratic Services tabled a schedule of the nominations received before the meeting. There were three nominations, listed in order of receipt as follows:-

- (i) Councillor Shiria Khatun
- (ii) Councillor Gloria Thienel
- (iii) Councillor Bill Turner

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.6 the Committee voted on each nomination in turn.

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That Councillors Shiria Khatun and Bill Turner each be appointed as the Council's representatives to serve on the Billingsgate Market Consultative Advisory Committee for the remainder of the municipal year or until a successor is appointed;
2. That Councillor Gloria Thienel be appointed as a deputy representative, to attend the Billingsgate Market Consultative Advisory Committee in the event that either of the appointed representatives are unable to attend; and
3. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) to agree the appointment of a Council officer as a further deputy representative to attend the Billingsgate Market Consultative Advisory Committee in the event that either of the appointed representatives and/or the councillor deputy are unable to attend.

The meeting ended at 6.45 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Helal Uddin
General Purposes Committee

Agenda Item 4.1

Committee: General Purposes	Date: 13 December 2010	Classification: Unrestricted	Report No:	Agenda Item:
Report of: Corporate Director: Stephen Halsey Originating officer: Colin Stuart, Head of Parks and Open Spaces		Title: New Byelaws for Parks and Open Spaces Wards Affected: All		

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 These proposed Byelaws are to replace a much older set of Byelaws dating back to the 1930's. The purpose of the Byelaws is to improve the enjoyment of persons who use parks and open spaces within the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. This can be achieved by ensuring that the Council can adequately deal with unacceptable activities and which cannot be dealt with under existing legislation. Certain activities may cause distress to other users of the park or could cause injury to other users and it is these types of activities that the Byelaws seek to address. For example, in Victoria Park there is a lake and there is life saving equipment around the lake. One of the proposed Byelaws would prohibit except in case of emergency removal or tamper with any life-saving appliance provided by the Council. This Byelaw is therefore designed to protect the safety of persons using the park.
- 1.2 The proposed new Byelaws satisfy a number of the Council's Community Plan priorities including providing a better environment and improving community safety and cohesiveness.
- 1.3 At the current time there is an inconsistency in the application of byelaws across the Borough's parks and open spaces. Byelaws have been derived both from differing predecessor bodies and at different times, in some cases there is a lack of clarity whether sites are covered by byelaws at all. This causes confusion with members of the community about what activities are permitted and consequently with enforcement agencies who are unclear about what transgressions they are empowered to enforce.
- 1.4 The new byelaws will provide a clear, modern code of conduct related to the standards of behaviour and the type of activities which are approved and considered to be acceptable within the Borough's parks & open spaces.
- 1.5 The implementation of the new byelaws will permit the development of an unambiguous and prioritised enforcement regime which will be clearer and easier

to understand, which will benefit both the enforcement agencies and members of the community.

- 1.6 The Byelaws can only be made in respect of land held as open space which is either owned or managed by The Council. This is provided by the Open Spaces Act 1906 and the act does not apply to land where more than 5% is covered by buildings. For that reason, housing amenity greens on Housing Estates would not be covered as the land's primary purpose is housing and not open space. Further, on housing estates, more than 5% of the land is covered by buildings and therefore that part of the land that is open space would be significantly less than 95% of the overall land. In the case of open space on RSL land, not only would that land be excluded through the 5% rule but it would also be excluded as the land is now owned or maintained by the Council

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

General Purposes Committee is asked to recommend to Full Council:-

- 2.1. That New Byelaws for the Borough's Parks and Open Spaces, the ('New Byelaws') be made as shown in Appendix 1.
- 2.2. That the remaining Parks and Open Spaces Byelaws are revoked once the New Byelaws are confirmed.
- 2.3. That the new byelaws are applied to the parks and open space areas listed within Schedule 1 & 2 contained within appendix 1 of this report.
- 2.4. That if, subsequent to the meeting of the Full Council, DCLG require any minor amendments to be made to the New Byelaws that the Director of Communities Localities and Culture (CLC), be given delegated powers to effect these amendments in consultation with Solicitor to the Council. Any major amendments will be brought before the Full Council.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Council is recommended to adopt the 'New Byelaws' for its Parks and Open Spaces which will replace the existing Byelaws which are in need of revision to match modern day use and provide a consistent standard across the Borough's parks and open space sites.
- 3.2 The existing Byelaws use an 'old fashioned official' style of writing which is difficult to understand and can present communication barriers within a multi-lingual community.

3.3 Current byelaws where they exist describe a number of 'redundant' activities or offences not reported to date as having occurred in Parks and Open Spaces, or at a very infrequent level under modern circumstances. They also fail to make reference to a number of activities which are only now causing concern or are now occurring with greater frequency compared to previous levels. Some of the older byelaws for example include reference to activities such as washing and bleaching of cloths which are no longer a serious issue, equally they make no mention of modern activities such as skateboarding or barbecues which are popular modern activities. The new byelaws will resolve these anomalies.

4 **BODY OF REPORT**

4 LBTH Council possesses a series of local Byelaws which relate to proper conduct on and use of the Borough's Parks and Open Spaces. The CLC Directorate is responsible for the enforcement of these Byelaws, through authorised Council Officers or Police Officers.

4.1 Byelaws are used to encourage and reinforce proper behaviour and conduct on Parks and Open Spaces and include, for example, the regulation and use of barbecues, illegal camping and the misuse of fireworks, etc.

4.2 It is the view of Communities, Localities and Culture that the existing Byelaws are in need of revision. They use a style of writing which is difficult to understand and it is difficult for the reader to identify phrases or sentences which explain why certain actions cannot be permitted in public areas or which require prior consent of the Council.

4.3 In addition the current Byelaws do not make reference to a number of activities or offences now occurring in Parks and Green Spaces. These activities have either increased in frequency, or are unique to modern day use, for example such offences include excessive noise, illegal shows, parties or trading, the use of vehicles in unauthorised areas and the use of flammable materials. Officers experience problems in controlling or preventing these activities due to their exclusion from or the ambiguity and legal terminology in the existing Byelaws.

4.4 There is an inconsistency in the current application of byelaws, e.g. sites are covered by byelaws originating from different sources of periods of time or in some cases there is a lack of clarity whether they are covered by any byelaws at all.

4.5 **Reasons New Byelaws are Required.**

(a) The existing Byelaws are not compatible with the Council's commitment to involve all sections of the community in democratic processes, and ensure they are able to comprehend and understand information provided to them. The New Byelaws use a style of language that is simpler, clearer

and easier to comprehend, as well as to convert into other languages. They also avoid excessive use of legal terminology or fewer exceptions to general rule, so making their reading easier.

- (b) The existing Byelaws describe a number of offences or restrictions no longer felt applicable to modern Parks and Open Spaces, and which there is no obvious need to enforce at present. The New Byelaws exclude these, and this makes them more relevant to a modern society and the modern use of Parks and Open Spaces.
- (c) The existing Byelaws describe certain offences or restrictions now incorporated into or covered by recent general legislation e.g. Litter and Dog Fouling, and should no longer included. The New Byelaws specifically exclude these, as Byelaws should always be 'supplementary to existing law'.
- (d) The existing Byelaws do not make reference to certain activities or offences now important in the use of modern Parks and Open spaces. The New Byelaws make clear specific mention of these issues, which enables the Council to regulate them, or enforce their prohibition or removal of offenders where appropriate.
- (e) The New Byelaws have been designed to ensure that the Council is able to inform and educate people about the proper use of its Parks and Open Spaces, and to regulate and enforce proper conduct as well address antisocial issues around the misuse of such sites

4.6 The Bye Law Process

- 4.6.1 This report proposes that Council adopt New Byelaws' which have been based on a set of 'Model Byelaws' and follow the standard scheme produced by the DCLG for 'pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces'.
- 4.6.2 The DCLG Model Byelaws are designed to provide local authorities with a set of local laws to 'catch and cover' all the main issues which they may need to regulate or enforce against. All the Byelaws described in the DCLG Model are highly relevant to how LBTH's Parks and Open Spaces are managed and used, and describe the activities which Officers have had to deal with, challenge and regulate.
- 4.6.3 If the Councils' New Byelaws adhere to the DCLG Model Byelaws then following formal adoption by Council, they can be passed through the confirmation process. The New Byelaws have to be advertised and there is a one month

consultation period for any representations or objections by the public before they are submitted to the DCLG for confirmation.

- 4.6.4 If the Council creates its own set of Byelaws which differ greatly from the DCLG Model then the confirmation process is likely to be extended because the council need provisional approval from the DCLG. The DCLG must check all New Byelaws and seek additional guidance as to applicability or relevance. There is nothing to indicate at this stage that Tower Hamlet's parks & open spaces require any deviation from the DCLG Model Byelaws.
- 4.6.5 The Council needs to be certain that any New Byelaws are fully applicable to all of the Borough's Parks and Open Spaces. Officers have consulted and sought legal comment on this. It is clear that New Byelaws which have been based on the DCLG Model and which follow the standard scheme would be applicable to all the Boroughs Parks and Open Spaces.
- 4.6.6 Once formally adopted by Council the New Byelaws will be sealed by the Council and then sent to DCLG for sealing. After sealing the New Byelaws will be publicly advertised and a one month community consultation period would take place. The New Byelaws will be held on deposit at the Council offices for inspection by the public at all reasonable hours. These New Byelaws will then be submitted to DCLG for confirmation. Once confirmed, the current Byelaws will be revoked as long as there are no objections received.

5. BYELAW ENFORCEMENT

- 5.1 LBTH Council has powers vested in it through existing legislation to make Byelaws and invoke penalties for breaches of those Byelaws. The Byelaws state that any person offending against any of the Byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale. Therefore £500 is the current maximum amount for an offence and the Court would have to use its discretion in this regard, depending on the type of offence alleged.
- 5.2 Byelaws therefore offer the Council an opportunity to secure fines against offenders who cause damage to Council property or breach the Byelaws. In addition costs can also be sought from offenders on successful summary conviction.
- 5.3 Additional legislation under the Clean Neighbourhood and Environmental Act 2005 which allows the Council to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for breaches under litter control and dog fouling are also applicable to our Parks and Open Spaces and support enforcement regulation.
- 5.4 The Council has recently reviewed and improved the effectiveness of its enforcement capability, based on key Safer Community principles. Any

enforcement by the Council of the Byelaws would be in accordance with the Council's enforcement policy, adopted by Cabinet on 8 September 2010. The policy sets out the following clear principles for the Council's enforcement action:

- **raising awareness** of the law and its requirements;
- **proportionality** in applying the law and securing compliance;
- **consistency** of approach;
- **transparency** about the actions of the Council and its officers; and
- **targeting** of enforcement action.

- 5.6 Currently the pattern of ASB occurrence in parks and open spaces is both inconsistent and intermittent. Problems areas and frequencies tend to increase at certain times of the year such as school holidays and warm dry weather conditions. Equally the problem is mobile and the pattern can be of short term disturbances based on a small group of people rather than a widespread problem within a locality.
- 5.7 The Joint Tasking approach currently deployed is considered to be the most effective method of tackling discontinuous issues such as these. This approach will allow ASB hotspots and new problem areas to be addressed as they arise. Providing a quick and adequate response which is highly visible and responsive within the local community to reduce fear of crime.
- 5.8 This also has the benefit of ensuring that resources are deployed as and when they are most required rather than tying up a high level of fixed resource to cover every eventuality.
- 5.9 The agencies who will be deployed in enforcing and applying the New Byelaws will include the Police, Safer Neighbourhood Teams, Joint Enforcement Teams, Tower Hamlets Enforcement Officers and Streetcare Teams.
- 5.10 Council officers involved in the enforcement of the New Byelaws will be authorised through the Director of CLC's delegated powers section of the Council's Constitution.
- 5.11 The localisation process which is aiming to deliver more locally targeted services on a paired LAP basis will also assist in identifying priority areas for enforcement activities at a more local level than is currently possible. This will have the benefit of being more immediately responsive to local needs and will increase community confidence in the services and reduce fear of crime.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Prior to the making of the draft byelaws the Council is required to consult with bodies and organisations where there is a joint interest in any ground such as that in the ownership of the diocesan authorities or grounds in which the Charity

Commissioners have an interest. A list of the organisations who have been consulted are included at Appendix 2 of this report.

5 COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 5.1 The enforcement of the new byelaws will be implemented through existing resources and will make the process more efficient by removing ambiguity and uncertainty about which activities are permitted within parks & open spaces. It is considered that the levels of transgression against the byelaws are unlikely to increase as a result of the byelaws being made therefore no net gain in income is anticipated.
- 5.2 There is an expectation that byelaws will be on display within the locality to which they apply and appropriate signage will be required to support this. Funding for this is available within existing Parks and Open Spaces Budgets.

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

- 6.1. Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 and section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 enable local authorities to make byelaws for the regulation of public walks and pleasure grounds and of open spaces and burial grounds respectively. Byelaws, once lawfully made, have the force of law within the areas to which they apply and, currently, offences against byelaws are summary criminal offences punishable by fine.
- 6.2. The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has produced model sets of byelaws, which Local Authorities are encouraged to use when considering making byelaws. The Secretary of State has published non-statutory guidance which indicates that local authorities should only make byelaws where they are required to address an existing problem and so the Council should consider whether each of the model byelaws are required in Tower Hamlets. The report states in paragraph 4.6.2 that all of the model byelaws are relevant for Tower Hamlets and describe activities which officers have had to deal with, challenge and regulate.
- 6.3. Section 236 of the Local Government Act 1972 sets out the current procedure for making byelaws and there are eight (8) steps as follows –
- Step 1** – The authority determines whether or not there is a need to make the byelaw and whether the authority has the power to make it. In doing so it must ensure that the byelaw does not duplicate or contradict existing legislation.
- Step 2** – The authority consults interested parties about the proposed byelaw.
- Step 3** – The authority makes and seals the byelaw.
- Step 4** – The authority advertises the byelaw, placing an advert in a local newspaper notifying the public of its intention to apply for confirmation of the

byelaw and holds the byelaw on deposit for at least one month. The authority invites affected persons to make representations to the Secretary of State.

Step 5 – The authority sends the sealed byelaw to the Secretary of State to have it confirmed.

Step 6 – The Secretary of State makes her decision on whether or not to confirm the byelaw.

Step 7 – The byelaw is confirmed.

Step 8 – The byelaw comes into force.

- 6.4. The making and revoking of byelaws is a matter for full Council. This is confirmed in Article 4.02(j) of the Council's constitution and therefore all General Purpose Committee is being asked to do is to refer the report on to Council with a recommendation that the Council makes and seals the byelaws.

7 ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 In recent studies by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) it is considered that providing good quality local green space is a very effective way to tackle inequality. People living in deprived urban areas view green space as a key service and one of the essentials in making a neighbourhood liveable.
- 7.2 When people were asked if they experienced any barriers to using their local green spaces, the biggest single barrier to accessing urban green space was safety. This was expressed both in terms of the physical environment, (dense overgrown vegetation and lack of lighting) and the threat of others (gangs, drinking and drug use). Thirty seven percent of people reported they would use urban green space more if safety were improved.
- 7.3 Concern about personal safety is the most important barrier to the use of green space and perceptions of individual safety differed between ethnic groups. For instance, only 53% of Bangladeshi people reported feeling safe using their local green space. This compares with 75% of white interviewees.
- 7.4 The London Borough of Tower Hamlets annual residents survey and parks specific surveys as part of that process indicates that these national findings also apply to the local community to a large extent.
- 7.5 Therefore the effective enforcement of byelaws and other supporting legislation within the Borough's parks and open spaces has the potential to improve the experience of park users and increase usage by the community who currently feel excluded due to concerns about personal safety.
- 7.6 An equalities impact assessment will be prepared in relation to the proposed new byelaws prior to submission to Full Council.

8 SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

8.1 The effective management and maintenance of urban green space including the control of anti social behaviour which can damage and disfigure the physical infrastructure is a key contributor to liveability and quality of environmental experience.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The principal risk would be ensuring that the new byelaws are publicised and enforced effectively from date of implementation. This risk will be minimised by the effective use of the joint tasking approach and processes currently in place. ASB tracking and monitoring of frequency through data capture and analysis systems will provide evidence based decision making.

10 EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

10.1 The proposed byelaws will support improved enforcement and community engagement specific to behaviour in our parks and open spaces. For this reason it will play its part in helping to drive down crime, littering and vandalism which in turn will help to reduce the costs of maintaining the public realm and dealing with Crime. It will also help to increase the use of parks by reducing fear of crime and ASB levels helping to promote a healthier, happier and more cohesive community. Again this will have efficiency benefits for adult social care and public health costs by keeping people healthier and more active for longer.

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

Brief description of “back ground papers”	Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection.
None	<u>N/A</u>

11 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Copy of the Draft Model Byelaws

MODEL BYELAWS – SET 2

**THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL
BYELAWS FOR PLEASURE GROUNDS, PUBLIC WALKS AND
OPEN SPACES**

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SCHEDULE 1 - Grounds to which byelaws apply generally

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Byelaws made under [section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875/section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906/sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906] by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets with respect to pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces.

PART 1 GENERAL

General Interpretation

1. In these byelaws:

“the Council” means the London Borough of Tower Hamlets;

“the ground” means any of the grounds listed in the Schedule /Schedule [1];

“designated area” means an area in the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, that area and its purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

“invalid carriage” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or not,

- (a) the unladen weight of which does not exceed 150 kilograms,
- (b) the width of which does not exceed 0.85 metres, and
- (c) which has been constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of a person suffering from a disability, and used solely by such a person.

Application

2. These byelaws apply to all of the grounds listed in Schedule 1 unless otherwise stated.

Opening times

- 3. (1) No person shall enter or remain in the ground except during opening hours.
- (2) “Opening hours” means the days and times during which the ground is open to the public and which are indicated by a notice placed in a conspicuous position at the entrance to the ground.
- (3) Byelaw 3(1) applies only to the grounds listed in Schedule 2.

PART 2

PROTECTION OF THE GROUND, ITS WILDLIFE AND THE PUBLIC

Protection of structures and plants

4. (1) No person shall without reasonable excuse remove from or displace within the ground:

- (a) any barrier, post, seat or implement, or any part of a structure or ornament provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the ground; or
 - (b) any stone, soil or turf or the whole or any part of any plant, shrub or tree.
- (2) No person shall walk on or ride, drive or station a horse or any vehicle over:
- (a) any flower bed, shrub or plant;
 - (b) any ground in the course of preparation as a flower bed or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant; or
 - (c) any part of the ground set aside by the Council for the renovation of turf or for other landscaping purposes and indicated by a notice conspicuously displayed.

Unauthorised erection of structures

5. No person shall without the consent of the Council erect any barrier, post, ride or swing, building or any other structure.

Climbing

6. No person shall without reasonable excuse climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post or other structure.

Grazing

7. No person shall without the consent of the Council turn out or permit any animal for which he is responsible to graze in the ground.

Protection of wildlife

8. No person shall kill, injure, take or disturb any animal, or engage in hunting or shooting or the setting of traps or the laying of snares.

Gates

9. (1) No person shall leave open any gate to which this byelaw applies and which he has opened or caused to be opened.
- (2) Byelaw 10(1) applies to any gate to which is attached, or near to which is displayed, a conspicuous notice stating that leaving the gate open is prohibited.

Camping

10. No person shall without the consent of the Council erect a tent or use a vehicle, caravan or any other structure for the purpose of camping [except in a designated area for camping].

Fires

11. (1) No person shall light a fire or place, throw or drop a lighted match or any other thing likely to cause a fire.
- (2) Byelaw 12(1) shall not apply to:
 - (a) the lighting of a fire at any event for which the Council has given permission that fires may be lit.

Missiles

12. No person shall throw or use any device to propel or discharge in the ground any object which is liable to cause injury to any other person.

Interference with life-saving equipment

13. No person shall except in case of emergency remove from or displace within the ground or otherwise tamper with any life-saving appliance provided by the Council.

PART 3

HORSES, CYCLES AND VEHICLES

Interpretation of Part 3

14. In this Part:

“designated route” means a route in or through the ground which is set aside for a specified purpose, its route and that purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position;

“motor cycle” means a mechanically-propelled vehicle, not being an invalid carriage, with less than four wheels and the weight of which does not exceed 410 kilograms;

“motor vehicle” means any mechanically-propelled vehicle other than a motor cycle or an invalid carriage;

“trailer” means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle and includes a caravan.

Horses

Horse riding prohibited (subject to bridleway, etc)

15. (1) No person shall ride a horse except in the exercise of a lawful right or privilege.
- (2) Where horse-riding is permitted by virtue of a lawful right or privilege, no person shall ride a horse in such a manner as to cause danger to any other person.

Cycling

16. No person shall without reasonable excuse ride a cycle in the ground except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for cycles or on a designated route for cycling.

Motor vehicles

17. (1) No person shall without reasonable excuse bring into or drive in the ground a motor cycle, motor vehicle or trailer except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way or a designated route for that class of vehicle.
- (2) Where there is a designated route for motor cycles, motor vehicles or trailers, it shall not be an offence under this byelaw to bring into or drive in the ground a vehicle of that class for the sole purpose of transporting it to the route.

Overnight parking

18. No person shall without the consent of the Council leave or cause or permit to be left any motor vehicle in the ground between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m..

PART 4

PLAY AREAS, GAMES AND SPORTS

Interpretation of Part [4]

19. In this Part:

“ball games” means any game involving throwing, catching, kicking, batting or running with any ball or other object designed for throwing and catching, but does not include cricket;

“golf course” means any area within the ground set aside for the purposes of playing golf and includes any golf driving range, golf practice area or putting course;

“self-propelled vehicle” means a vehicle other than a cycle, invalid carriage or pram which is propelled by the weight or force of one or more persons skating, sliding or riding on the vehicle or by one or more persons pulling or pushing the vehicle.

Children’s play areas

20. No person aged 14 years or over shall enter or remain in a designated area which is a children’s play area unless in charge of a child under the age of 14 years.

Children’s play apparatus

21. No person aged 14 years or over shall use any apparatus stated to be for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years by a notice conspicuously displayed on or near the apparatus.

Skateboarding, etc

Skateboarding, etc permitted but must not cause danger or annoyance

22. No person shall skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons.

Ball games

Ball games permitted throughout the ground but designated area for ball games also provided

23. No person shall play ball games outside a designated area for playing ball games in such a manner:
- (a) as to exclude persons not playing ball games from use of that part;
 - (b) as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person in the ground; or
 - (c) which is likely to cause damage to any tree, shrub or plant in the ground.

Rules

24. It is an offence for any person using a designated area for playing ball games to break any of the rules set out in Schedule 3 and conspicuously displayed on a sign in the designated area when asked by any person to desist from breaking those rules.

Cricket

25. No person shall throw or strike a cricket ball with a bat except in a designated area for playing cricket.

Archery

26. No person shall engage in the sport of archery except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council.

Field sports

27. No person shall throw or put any javelin, hammer, discus or shot except in connection with an event organised by or held with the consent of the Council or on land set aside by the Council for that purpose.

Golf

Golf prohibited

28. No person shall drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball.

PART 5
WATERWAYS

Interpretation of Part [5]

29. In this Part:

“boat” means any yacht, motor boat or similar craft but not a model or toy boat;

“power-driven” means driven by the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances;

“waterway” means any river, lake, pool or other body of water and includes any fountain.

Bathing

30. No person shall without reasonable excuse bathe or swim in any waterway.

Ice skating

31. No person shall step onto or otherwise place their weight upon any frozen waterway.

Model boats

32. No person shall operate a power-driven model boat on any waterway except in a designated area for model boats.

Boats

To prohibit use of boats and if appropriate a wider category of vessels without permission

33. No person shall sail or operate any boat, dinghy, canoe, sailboard or inflatable on any waterway without the consent of the Council

Fishing

34. No person shall in any waterway cast a net or line for the purpose of catching fish or other animals except in a designated area for fishing.

Pollution

35. No person shall foul or pollute any waterway.

Blocking of watercourses

36. No person shall cause or permit the flow of any drain or watercourse in the ground to be obstructed, diverted, open or shut or otherwise move or operate any sluice or similar apparatus.

PART 6

MODEL AIRCRAFT

Interpretation of Part 6

37. In this Part:

“model aircraft” means an aircraft which weighs not more than 7 kilograms without its fuel;

“power-driven” means driven by:

- (a) the combustion of petrol vapour or other combustible substances;
- (b) jet propulsion or by means of a rocket, other than by means of a small reaction motor powered by a solid fuel pellet not exceeding 2.54 centimetres in length; or
- (c) one or more electric motors or by compressed gas.

“radio control” means control by a radio signal from a wireless transmitter or similar device.

General prohibition

38. No person shall cause any power-driven model aircraft to:

- (a) take off or otherwise be released for flight or control the flight of such an aircraft in the ground; or
- (b) land in the ground without reasonable excuse.

PART 7

OTHER REGULATED ACTIVITIES

Provision of services

39. No person shall without the consent of the Council provide or offer to provide any service for which a charge is made.

Excessive noise

40. (1) No person shall, after being requested to desist by any other person in the ground, make or permit to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons in the ground by:

- (a) shouting or singing;

- (b) playing on a musical instrument; or
 - (c) by operating or permitting to be operated any radio, amplifier, tape recorder or similar device.
- (2) Byelaw 40) does not apply to any person holding or taking part in any entertainment held with the consent of the Council.

Public shows and performances

41. No person shall without the consent of the Council hold or take part in any public show or performance.

Aircraft, hang gliders and hot air balloons

42. No person shall except in case of emergency or with the consent of the Council take off from or land in the ground in an aircraft, helicopter, hang glider or hot air balloon.

Kites

43. No person shall fly any kite in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any other person.

Metal detectors

44. (1) No person shall without the consent of the Council use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.

PART [8]

MISCELLANEOUS

Obstruction

45. No person shall obstruct:
- (a) any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duties;
 - (b) any person carrying out an act which is necessary to the proper execution of any contract with the Council; or
 - (c) any other person in the proper use of the ground.

Savings

46. (1) It shall not be an offence under these byelaws for an officer of the Council or any person acting in accordance with a contract with the Council to do anything necessary to the proper execution of his duty.

- (2) Nothing in or done under these byelaws shall in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect any public right of way through the ground, or the rights of any person acting lawfully by virtue of some estate, right or interest in, over or affecting the ground or any part of the ground.

Removal of offenders

47. Any person offending against any of these byelaws may be removed from the ground by an officer of the Council or a constable.

Penalty

48. Any person offending against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

Revocation

49. The byelaws made by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets on *insert date* and confirmed by the Secretary of State for the Home Office *insert date of confirmation* relating to the ground are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

GROUNDS TO WHICH BYELAWS APPLY

The grounds referred to in byelaw 2 are:

Abbott Road Gardens
Ackroyd Drive Open Space
Albert Gardens
All Saints Church Yard
Allen Gardens
Allen Gardens Play Area
Altab Ali Park
Alton Street Open Space
Approach Road/Old Ford Road O. S.
Arbour Square Gardens
Archibald Open Space
Bartlett Park
Baxendale Street Gardens
Beaumont Square Gardens
Belgrave Open Space
Bethnal Green Gardens
Bonner Hall Gate
Boundary Gardens
Bow Churchyard
Braithwaite
Bromley Recreation Ground
Burdett Road Bus Terminus
Canrobert Street Open Space
Cantrell Road Open Space
Carlton Square
Carlton Square Gardens
Cavell Street Gardens
Christchurch Gardens
Cotton Street/Bazely Street
Devons Road Ambulance Station - Grass Verge
Dockers Tanner Road
Fern Street Open Space
Ford Square
Furze Green Open Space

Glamis Adventure Playground
Globe Road Open Space
Gosling Gardens
Great Eastern Slipway
Grove Hall Park
Hellings Street
Ion Square Gardens
Island Gardens
Jesus Green
Johnson's Drawdock
Jolly's Green
King Edward Memorial Park
Kings Wharf
Langdon Park
Lenanton Steps
Leven Road Open Space
Mallon Gardens
Marsh Wall/East Ferry Road
Mast House Terrace Playarea
Meath Gardens
Mellish Street
Mercers Burial Ground
Middleton Green
Mile End Park
Millwall Park
Mudchute Farm
Museum Gardens
Paradise Gardens
Pennyfields Open Space
Pollard Square
Poplar High Street/Preston's Road
Poplar Parkway
Poplar Recreation Ground
Prospect Park
Raines Mansions
Ravenscroft Park
Rectory Gardens
Rope Walk Gardens
Ropemakers Fields
Rounton Road Open Space
Royal Mint Square

Schoolhouse Kickabout Area
Selwyn Green
Shacklewell Street 10'Clock Club
Shacklewell Street Ball Games Area
Shandy Park
Sidney Square Gardens
Sir John McDougal Gardens
Spitalfields Farm
St Annes Churchyard
St Bartholomews Gardens
St Dunstan's Churchyard
St George's in the East
St James Gardens
St Johns Churchyard
St Johns Park
St Matthews Church Garden
St Matthias Church
Stepney Clock Tower
Stepney Green Gardens
Stepney Green Park
Stonebridge Wharf
Stoneyard Lane Open Space
Swedenborg Gardens
The Oval
Three Colt Street/Mitre Site
Tower Hamlets Cemetery
Trafalgar Gardens
Tredegar Square
Trinity Gardens
Trinity Square Gardens
Twelve Trees Crescent
Vallance Road Gardens
Vaughan Way Open Space
Victoria Park
Virginia Gardens
Wapping Gardens
Wapping Green
Wapping Rose Gardens
Wapping Woods
Warner Green Open Space
Waterside Gardens

Weavers Fields
West India Dock Road
White Horse Lane Open Space
Whitehorse Road Park
Wyvis Street Open Space
York Square Gardens

SCHEDULE 2
GROUNDS REFERRED TO IN CERTAIN BYELAWS
OPENING TIMES (BYELAW 3(1))

The grounds referred to in byelaw 3(1) are:

Albert Gardens
Arbour Square Gardens
Bethnal Green Gardens
Carlton Square
Grove Hall Park
King Edward Memorial Park
Museum Gardens
Paradise Gardens
Poplar Recreation Ground
Tower Hamlets Cemetery
Tredegar Square
Trinity Square Gardens
Victoria Park
Wapping Gardens
Wapping Rose Gardens
York Square Gardens

Opening times are dawn until dusk.

SCHEDULE 3
RULES FOR PLAYING BALL GAMES IN DESIGNATED AREAS (BYELAW 24)

Any person using a designated area for playing ball games is required by byelaw 24 to comply with the following rules:

- (1) No person shall play any game other than those ball games for which the designated area has been set aside.
- (2) No person shall obstruct any other person who is playing in accordance with these rules.
- (3) Where exclusive use of the designated area has been granted to a person or group of persons by the Council for a specified period, no other person shall play in that area during that period.
- (4) Subject to paragraph (5), where the designated area is already in use by any person, any other person wishing to play in that area must seek their permission to do so.
- (5) Except where they have been granted exclusive use of the designated area for more than two hours by the Council, any person using that area shall vacate it if they have played continuously for two hours or more and any other person wishes to use that area.
- (6) No person shall play in the designated area when a notice has been placed in a conspicuous position by the Council prohibiting play in that area.

Appendix 2 – Consultation

Cabinet Members were consulted through Council procedures.

An email consisting of a copy the New Model Byelaws and an explanation of the Council's intention to update its Parks Byelaws was sent to the following organisations:

- The Crown Estates
- The Diocese of London
- The Friends of Allen Gardens
- The Friends of Arnold Circus
- The Friends of Bartlett Park
- The Friends of Ropemakers Fields
- The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park
- The Friends of Weavers Fields
- Mudchute Park and Farm
- Spitalfields City Farm

Acknowledgements of receipt of the document but no comments were received from, The Crown Estate, The Diocese of London and Mudchute Park and Farm. The Friends of Bartlett Park suggested minor comments to the New Model Byelaws. There were no comments from the other organisations.

As stated in item 4.6 once formally adopted by the Council the New Byelaws must be sealed then advertised. For at least one month after the date of the publication of the advertisement, a

copy of the New Byelaws must be held on deposit at the Council offices for inspection by the public. During this one month period objections or representations can be made directly to the DCLG. After the consultation period has expired the New Byelaws may be confirmed by the DCLG. Where objections have been received confirmation of the new byelaws will take longer, because the Council may need to respond to these to the DCLG before the decision to confirm the New Byelaws is made by them.

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