

Meeting of the

# GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, 23 March 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

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## A G E N D A

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### VENUE

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

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

Wednesday, 23 March 2011

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.

| PAGE<br>NUMBERS | WARD(S)<br>AFFECTED |
|-----------------|---------------------|
|-----------------|---------------------|

### 3. MINUTES

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To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 and the extraordinary meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

### 4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Nil items.

### 5. ANY OTHER SECTION ONE (UNRESTRICTED) BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

### 6. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

In view of the contents of the remaining items on the agenda the Committee is recommended to adopt the following motion:

“That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contains information defined as Exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.”

#### EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL SECTION (Pink Papers)

The exempt committee papers in the agenda will contain information, which is commercially, legally or personally sensitive and should not be divulged to third parties. If

you do not wish to retain these papers after the meeting, please hand them to the Committee Officer present.

**7. SECTION TWO (RESTRICTED) REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**7 .1 Thomas Buxton JMI School - School Governor Appointments**

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**Spitalfields  
&  
Banglatown;**

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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         |   |
| 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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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**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:**

John Williams – (Service Head, Democratic Services, Chief Executive's)

Caroline Chalklin – (Committee Officer, Chief Executives')

**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 in his position as Mayor and Deputy Mayor he had received an annual rent of a large salmon as rent from 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**

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That Councillors Shiria Khatum and Gloria Theniel be appointed as representatives to serve on the Billingsgate Market Consultative Advisory Committee;
2. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services), after consultation with the Mayor and the leaders of the respective political groups on the Council, to agree the appointment of deputies to the Council's representatives on the Billingsgate Market Consultative Advisory Committee, consisting of one Councillor and one officer deputy.

The meeting ended at 6.45 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Helal Uddin  
General Purposes Committee

# Agenda Item 7.1

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