



Meeting of the

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 13 December 2011 at 6.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

VENUE

Room M71, 7th Floor, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent,
London, E14 2BG

Members:	Deputies (if any):
Chair: Councillor Shiria Khatun	
Vice-Chair:	
Councillor Mizan Chaudhury	Councillor Peter Golds, (Designated
Councillor Sirajul Islam	Deputy representing Councillor Gloria
Councillor Mohammed Abdul Mukit	Thienel)
MBE	
Councillor Md. Maium Miah	
Councillor Gloria Thienel	
[Note: The quorum for this body is 3 Members].	

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 13 December 2011

6.30 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 of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 13th October 2011.

4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

In view of the contents of the following item 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)

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5. EXEMPT REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

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5.1 School Governor Appointments

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To consider the applications for appointment as local authority school governors to schools detailed in the report.

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 6.30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2011

**COMMITTEE ROOM 1,1ST FLOOR, TOWN HALL, MULBERRY PLACE, 5 CLOVE
CRESCENT, LONDON, E14 2BG**

Members Present:

Councillor Shiria Khatun (Chair)

Councillor Sirajul Islam (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Mizan Chaudhury
Councillor Mohammed Abdul Mukit MBE
Councillor Md. Maium Miah

Councillor Craig Aston

Other Councillors Present:

Officers Present:

Louise Stamp – (Electoral Services Manager, Chief Executive's)

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

Zoe Folley – (Committee Officer, Democratic Services Chief Executive's)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gloria Thienel for whom Councillor Craig Aston was deputising.

RESOLVED

That the apologies for absence be noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Craig Aston declared a personal interest in Agenda item 3.1 Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Review 2013 - Council Response to Consultation. The declaration of interest was made due to his involvement in Parliamentary boundary review for the Conservative Party.

3. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Review 2013 - Council Response to Consultation

Reasons for lateness and urgency **Agreed.**

John Williams (Service Head, Democratic Services) and Louise Stamp (Electoral Services Manager) presented the report regarding the Parliamentary Constituency Boundary review.

It was reported that at its last meeting, the Committee gave initial consideration to the recommendations of the Boundary Commission for England in respect of the review, subject to consultation until 5th December 2011. The Committee also considered the draft response of the Mayor and agreed that they meet again to agree the Council's response in light of any comments received.

The report before the Committee now sets out the responses received from Political Groups, and in view of this, the Council's proposed submission attached at Appendix A.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed response on behalf of the Council to the Boundary Commission for England's initial recommendations as set out at Appendix 'A' of the report be agreed .

3.2 Local Electoral Review 2012 - Update

John Williams (Service Head, Democratic Services) and Louise Stamp (Electoral Services Manager) gave a verbal update regarding the Local Electoral Review 2012.

Mr Williams confirmed that the deadline for submitting responses to the Local Electoral Review was 20th January 2011. To support this, Louise Stamp circulated statistics to help inform responses (This comprised population/ward growth predications supplied by the GLA and)

Mr Williams also confirmed the details of the Member Briefing on the Electoral Review to be held at 7pm before the Council meeting (29th November 2011). The Briefing would attended by representatives of the Boundary Commission and would give Members the opportunity to put questions to then regarding the review.

Members then raised issues for consideration including the likely impact of Individual Registration - particularly whether this would be factored into electoral role projections. Members also expressed views on likely population

growth for some wards, based on their own experiences and the differences between population/development numbers and numbers on the electoral roll.

Louise Stamp also offered to circulate further statistics for Members to help them with their responses.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

3.3 Appointments to Outside Bodies

Reasons for lateness and urgency **Agreed.**

Mr John Williams (Service Head, Democratic Services) presented the report regarding appointments to outside bodies . It was noted that since June 2011, a number of vacancies on outside bodies had arisen as set out in the circulated report. The Committee were asked to consider the schedule of vacancies and appoint to them accordingly.

London City Airport Consultative Committee

Councillor Josh Peck was appointed to the above Committee in June, however due to work commitments cannot make the 4:30pm start time for meetings. The deputy position was already vacant.

Therefore the Committee were asked to appoint to both positions on the Committee (One Member and One Deputy).

The Chair **moved** that Steve Mutton? be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Committee . This was **agreed** by the Committee.

London Councils Health and Adult Services Forum.

It was noted that the Council's representative on the forum was normally the lead Member for health/social services.

Therefore, the Committee were invited to appoint Councillor Abdul Asad to this position following his recent appointment by the Mayor as Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing. (replacing Councillor Ohid Ahmed appointed on 22nd June 2011)

The Committee **agreed** that as this nomination concerned an Executive Member, that it should be referred to the Executive for appointment.

Local Government Group Urban Commission

The Committee were asked to appoint a second person to represent the Council alongside Councillor David Edgar.

One nomination had been received for the position, Councillor Stephanie Eaton. The Committee **agreed** that Councillor Eaton should be appointed to the position.

London Youth Games Ltd

It was noted on 22nd June 2011, the Committee appointed Councillor Kabir Ahmed to serve as one of the Council's two representatives on this body.

Following changes in the political composition of the Authority, The Labour Group had asked that the Committee reconsidered this appointment and have nominated Councillor Lesley Pavitt. There were no other nominations. The Committee **agreed** that Councillor Lesley Pavitt be appointed to the position.

Olympics Ambassador

In light of Councillor Anna Lynch's intention to step down from the position, the Labour Group had nominated Councillor Lesley Pavitt to take her place as the Council's Olympic Ambassador for the remainder of the municipal year 2011/12. There were no other nominations. The Committee **agreed** that Councillor Lesley Pavitt be appointed to the position.

Tower Hamlets College Board

It was noted on 22nd June 2011, the Committee appointed Councillor Kabir Ahmed to serve as one of the Council's two representatives on this body.

Following changes in the political composition of the Authority, The Labour Group had asked that the Committee reconsidered this appointment and have nominated Councillor Mizan Chaudhury to replace Councillor Kabir Ahmed as one of the Council's two representatives on this body.. There were no other nominations. The Committee **agreed** that Councillor Mizan Chaudhury be appointed to the position.

Tower Hamlets Community Housing.

Following changes in the political composition of the Authority, the Labour Group had asked that the Committee reconsidered this appointment and have nominated Councillor Helal Uddin to replace Councillor Kabir Ahmed as one of the Council's representatives on this body.. There were no other nominations. The Committee **agreed** that Councillor Helal Uddin be appointed to the position.

Tower Hamlets Homes Board

Following changes in the political composition of the Authority, the Labour Group had asked that the Committee reconsidered this appointment and have nominated Councillor Helal Uddin to replace Councillor Kabir Ahmed as one of the Council's representatives on this board. There were no other nominations. The Committee **agreed** that Councillor Helal Uddin be appointed to the position.

RESOLVED:

That the nominations made and appointments to the positions as set out in the table attached at Appendix A to this report be agreed..

The meeting ended at 6.45 p.m.

Chair, Councillor Shiria Khatun
General Purposes Committee

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Name of organisation and number of places	Information on organisation	Reason for vacancy/other information	Recommendations	Nominations received (where applicable)
<p>Docklands Sailing and Water Sports Centre 1 (Member)</p>	<p>Provides recreational water activities for all sections of the community living and working in the local area. Owned by Docklands Sailing & Water Sports Centre Trust and managed by a wholly owned subsidiary company. All directors and trustees are voluntary. Meetings are held 4 times a year at the sailing centre.</p>	<p>General Purposes Committee on 22nd June appointed Councillor Maium Miah as the Council's representative. At the time Councillor Miah was a member of the Conservative Group on the Council. He has since become an Independent Councillor and the Conservative Group have asked that the Committee consider this appointment again in the light of any further nominations received.</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint one Member to serve as the Council's representative to the Docklands Sailing and Water Sports Centre</p>	<p>Cllr Maium Miah t.b.c.</p>
<p>Local Government Group Urban Commission 2 (Members, or 1 Member plus 1 officer)</p>	<p>A forum for urban authorities to discuss matters of common concern and exchange good practice. The Annual Meeting of the Urban Commission will take place on 5th October 2011 and further meetings of the Commission are scheduled on 26th October 2011 and 22nd February 2012 (11.00); and of the Steering Group on 14th December 2011 and 5th July 2012 (1.00)</p>	<p>The Council's representatives to the Urban Commission in 2010/11 were Councillors Joshua Peck and Sirajul Islam. No nominations for membership in 2011/12 were received by the GP Committee on 22nd June and the Council's two positions therefore remain vacant.</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint up to two persons to represent the Council on the Local Government Group Urban Commission.</p>	<p>t.b.c.</p>

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<p>London City Airport Consultative Committee</p> <p>1 + 1 Deputy (Appointees may be Members, officers or lay persons)</p>	<p>An independent Consultative Committee established by London City Airport to discuss Airport issues, keep people informed and monitor the local environment.</p> <p>The Consultative Committee meets quarterly. Forthcoming meetings are scheduled for 10th January, 3rd April, 3rd July and 2nd October 2012 (4.30 p.m.)</p>	<p>General Purposes Committee on 22nd June 2012 appointed Councillor Joshua Peck as the Council's representative.</p> <p>However, it was not clear at that meeting that the Consultative Committee meetings are scheduled to commence at 4.30 p.m. and Councillor Peck has unfortunately therefore had to stand down due to work commitments.</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint one Member to serve as the Council's representative to the London City Airport Consultative Committee; and one Deputy Member to attend in the event that the appointment Member cannot.</p>	<p>t.b.c.</p>
<p>St. Katharine's and Shadwell Trust</p> <p>1 + 1 Deputy (Formally 2 + 2 Deputies)</p> <p>(Must be Members)</p>	<p>Community foundation raising funds and awarding grants to run and support a wide range of projects in East London.</p>	<p>The Committee on 22nd June 2011 appointed Councillors Abdul Asad and Denise Jones as the Council's representatives, with Councillor Dr. Emma Jones as a deputy.</p> <p>Following a change in the political composition of the authority the Labour Group have asked that the Committee reconsider Cllr Asad's appointment and have nominated Cllr Abdal Ullah.</p> <p>However, in the meantime the Trust has informed the Council that</p>	<p>That the Committee note the reduction in the number of Members to be appointed, and appoint one Member and one Deputy Member to the St. Katharine's and Shadwell Trust from amongst the existing Members and nominees.</p>	<p>Cllr Abdul Asad Cllr Denise Jones Cllr Abdal Ullah Cllr Dr Emma Jones</p>

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<p>Thames Gateway London Partnership 1 (Member)</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>following the adoption of new Articles of Association and a broadening of its membership to include representation from across the Trust's area of benefit (the City, Hackney and Newham as well as Tower Hamlets), the Council will be required to nominate only one Member and one Deputy. The Trust asks that all nominated representatives should be able to attend a majority of the four board meetings each year and to play an active part in supporting the development of the Trust.</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint one Member to serve as the Council's representative on the Thames Gateway London Partnership.</p>	<p>Cllr Judith Gardiner Cllr Shafiqul Haque</p>

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<p>Tower Hamlets and Canary Wharf Further Education Trust</p> <p>2 (Members)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Two meetings are held per year – in July for the allocation of funds and in December/January for policy making.</p>	<p>General Purposes Committee on 22nd June 2011 appointed Councillors Abdul Asad and Abdal Ullah as the Council's representatives.</p> <p>Councillor Asad has since resigned from this position.</p> <p>The Labour Group have nominated Councillor Lesley Pavitt to take Cllr Asad's place</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint a Member to replace Cllr Abdul Asad as one of the Council's two representatives on the Tower Hamlets and Canary Wharf FE Trust.</p>	<p>Cllr Lesley Pavitt</p>
<p>Tower Hamlets Sports Council</p> <p>7 (Members)</p>	<p>Promotes participation and achievement in sport within the Borough by representing the interests of local sports clubs and individuals.</p> <p>Meets four times a year.</p>	<p>General Purposes Committee on 22nd June appointed Councillor Maium Miah as one of the Council's seven representatives to the TH Sports Council.</p> <p>At the time Councillor Miah was a member of the Conservative Group on the Council. He has since become an Independent Councillor and the Conservative Group have asked that the Committee consider this appointment again in the light of any further nominations received.</p>	<p>That the Committee appoint one Member to serve as the Council's seventh representative to the Tower Hamlets Sports Council.</p>	<p>Cllr Maium Miah</p> <p>t.b.c.</p>

Agenda Item 5.1

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